

**Blakesley CE Primary School
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Newsletter 2 T4: 26th November 2021

Dear Parents,

I am sure the whole school community has been aware OFSTED paid a visit on Tuesday, but please understand that no official information can be shared at present. However, the staff would like to say 'Thank you' for all the messages of support. Once reports have been finalised, findings will be published.



Music Mark

We are proud to announce that on Monday Northamptonshire Music & Performing Arts Trust informed us that we had become a Music Mark school for the 2021/22 academic year. This means our school has been recognised for its commitment to music education by championing and supporting access to music for our children.

It has been so wonderful to see so many pupils eagerly take up music tuition and attempt to master playing a new instrument. Building on this enthusiasm, we are currently exploring the possibility of securing whole class tuition for targeted year groups.

Here is a Top Ten list of reasons why children should be encouraged to become more interested in music, especially learning to play an instrument.

Learning to play a musical instrument:

1. Teaches Patience
2. Creates Responsibility
3. Boosts Self-Esteem
4. Improves Reading Skills
5. Exposes New Cultures
6. Enhances Coordination
7. Promotes Maths Skills
8. Encourages Self-Expression
9. Increases Memory Capacity
10. Aids Social Skills

If your child is already playing an instrument, please continue to encourage them to practice, regularly.

Compassion Courage Fellowship Thankfulness Wisdom

Collections

The British Royal Legion have sent a message saying how grateful they are to receive the monies collected from the Poppy Appeal in November. An incredible total of £204.27 was raised. Also, a generous donation of £102 was given by FABs to Children In Need, on behalf of the school, for which we are extremely grateful. Please continue to support FABs with all of their Fundraising activities and especially with present Auction being held. There are lots of wonderful items worth bidding for on the FABs Facebook page, Folks Associated With Blakesley School.

Any questions please contact either Lottie Rogers on 07736 227721 or Charlotte Cockerill on 07522 832824. As always, your support is very much appreciated.

It is lovely to hear that the local public house, the Bartholomew Arms, is also holding a Christmas raffle on Friday 10th December and that all profits made will be donated to Blakesley CE School. Tickets cost £1. We thank them for thinking of us.

COVID 19

Inside school, we are continuing to deal with children developing temperatures, coughs and complaining of feeling unwell during the day. However, when parents are dropping children at school and may be unsure of their child's health please always discuss with your child's teacher. Avoid telling your child if they feel unwell that they must tell a teacher and that you will come and collect them! Where we feel it is appropriate or necessary temperatures will continue to be taken. All pupils who develop temperatures of over 37 degrees will be isolated and phone calls will be made to arrange their collection from school.

Practising for Christmas Nativities in Key Stage One have just begun, but COVID cases appear to be rising again. Therefore, all planned events at this moment can only be provisional.

Future Dates

- 10th December Movie Night
- 13th Dec Rec+ KS1Nativity TBC
- 14th Dec Rec+ KS1Nativity TBC
- 16th December Winter Warmer TBC

If there are aspects of the newsletter that you would like to discuss or if you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Laurie Hill
Headteacher