

Blakesley CE Primary School
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Dear Parents/Carers,

There were many strengths identified in the recent Ofsted report circulated last week. With regard to the pupils, I quote, "They understand the school's values of wisdom, compassion, courage, thankfulness and fellowship, and are taught how to live out these values day to day." On Monday, I heard a story about one of our pupils that demonstrates how true this is. Recent themes of assemblies and collective worship have focussed on caring for and helping others. How lovely then to hear that one of our younger pupils had insisted on taking his family 'litter picking' over the weekend. What a wonderful act of kindness.



After School Club

We are thrilled with the response by both children and parents, to the adjustments that have been made to our After School Club Provision. Each day, there are now two adults with the children until 4:30pm, who ensure all activities and snacks provided are planned for, ahead of each session. There is no doubt over the past week, the children have enjoyed the variety of activities and have helped to prepare the range of snacks available. Attached is a timetable of both activities and snacks that will run for the next 3 weeks.

Whilst activities are now timetabled, there is no obligation for children to participate should they not want to. There will always be alternatives and free choice for those who would prefer this option.

For the next few weeks, the staffing organisation is as follows:

Monday – Wednesday – Mrs Klegeris leads with Miss King assisting until 4:30pm

Thursday – Friday - Miss King leads with Mrs Klegeris assisting until 4:30pm

Should you need to contact either of them this can be done via email:

Mrs Klegeris - teejayklegeris@blakesleyprimary.co.uk

Miss King - evieking@blakesleyprimary.co.uk

Please book and pay for any sessions via the Parentpay website or App. Any issues please contact the office staff.

As always, we are keen for your feedback with regard to the changes made and would welcome any suggestions that ensure After School Club is a nurturing and fun place to be. Please contact Mrs Cox, in her role as Nurture Lead, emmacox@blakesleyprimary.co.uk , to put forward any thoughts or comments.

Compassion Courage Fellowship Thankfulness Wisdom

ExpertEd

If children are to make good life choices and aspire to achieve, a clear vision of their future and the skills needed are vital to encourage that ambition. Studies have shown how important this is and that sadly much of the careers guidance young people receive arrives after they have made significant life choices. However, Class 4, since September, have been taking part in a project called ExpertEd Live. This initiative looks at a range of careers and has brought experts 'live' into classrooms, to share with the children the story of their job and how they achieved success. Next week, Helen Sherman (first British woman in space) will be the speaker in Class 4's live webinar on Wednesday afternoon.

COVID guidance

Numbers of positive covid cases within our school community are on the increase. Please continue to be cautious, follow hygiene recommendations and be vigilant for symptoms. Some key points in the guidance though are worth highlighting again:

- if an asymptomatic person produces a positive LFT test reading there is no need to seek a PCR test.
- the self-isolation period for people who record a positive test result has been reduced to 7 days
- Individuals may now take LFT tests on day 6 and 24 hours later on day 7 of their self-isolation period.
- Anyone who receives two negative test results and do not have a high temperature are no longer required to isolate and can return to their educational setting on Day 8.

Although there is no obligation to do so, where and when possible, we will continue to notify parents/carers of positive readings that may affect their children. Any future changes in the guidance will also continue to be shared.

Future Dates

- Parents' Evenings 1st -3rd March 2022 Timings to be confirmed.

Should you have any questions, issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Laurie Hill

Headteacher