

**Blakesley CE Primary School**  
**Blakesley**  
**NN12 8RD**  
**Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 2022**  
**T3 W5**

Dear Parents/Carers,

This morning, we welcomed Dame Andrea Leadsom MP to our school. The main reason for her visit was that she had expressed an interest in finding out about all our of nurture work that we provide in its many forms, particularly looking at how we provide 'wrap around care' and the way in which the school has supported its community through the difficulties that COVID has brought.

Live learning, delivering food parcels, providing breakfasts or extra meals at short notice, offering care, advice and finding help to solve issues or problems were some of the many things discussed. There is no doubt, Dame Leadsom was impressed by our care for 'all' and she departed having witnessed that this is a truly caring school, which is continually striving to reach out and serve the community. The hard work of all staff was recognised and praised. Also, our delightful children were commented on favourably too.

### **Young artists**

It is wonderful to see so many budding artists amongst our pupils. There are a growing number who seem to be developing a keen interest in drawing and in particular paying close attention to detail, using a variety of shading techniques and developing a good sense of perspective. The school has just registered with the 'Young Artists' Summer Show' which provides an exciting opportunity for children to exhibit their art work on line and possibly at the Royal Academy of Arts. Please follow the link below for further information and if you would like your child to get involved.

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/get-involved>



### **Wear your Scarf to School day**

As part of supporting Children's Mental Health Week, we are encouraging everyone to join in with our special day event; Wear your Scarf to School Day being held on Friday, February 11th! There is no cost involved or donation to be made, instead please attend school wearing a scarf of your choice. Throughout the day, pupils will be participating in activities that impact positively on children's mental health, behaviour and achievement.

*Compassion Courage Fellowship Thankfulness Wisdom*

### **Payments for Wrap around Care**

Please ensure all sessions for before or after school care are booked and paid for via Parent Pay. If any voucher scheme is used the office still require notification of the times requested. A reminder that each session costs £3.50. Any further questions please contact Cassandra Bowman in the school office or e-mail Mrs Klegeris on [teejayklegeris@blakesleyprimary.co.uk](mailto:teejayklegeris@blakesleyprimary.co.uk) Thank you.

### **Illnesses**

Although lower in numbers when compared to other local schools, new Covid cases are still being recorded within our school. Please continue to be cautious, follow hygiene recommendations and be vigilant for symptoms. Refer to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) for up to date guidance. When and where possible, we will continue to notify parents/carers of positive readings that may affect their children. There also appears to be a 'sickness' bug going around. Any child who has been sick must remain off school for 48hours.

### **Future Dates**

- Feb 7<sup>th</sup> and Feb 8<sup>th</sup> New Playground markings
- Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Wear a scarf to school day
- March 1-3<sup>rd</sup> Parents' Evenings

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

Yours faithfully,

Laurie Hill

Headteacher