

Blakesley CE Primary School
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Dear Parents/Carers,



Despite the atrocities that are happening in Europe, it is wonderful to know that humanity is still capable of demonstrating its better side. Incredible generosity has been shown in the huge numbers and the wide range of items donated towards the collection for the 'Ukrainian appeal'. Even more touching is that one of our parents Ian Bathe, and his brother too, is actually driving the donations right to the Polish/Ukrainian border delivering our collection in person. Not only do we thank them both but we wish them a safe journey too. They will be in our thoughts and prayers. We are also hoping that Ian will be able to maintain contact as he travels, keeping us updated of his whereabouts and be able to provide details of his journey along the way.



Gymnastics Competition

A huge well done to our gymnastic squads who are entered a GLK Gymnastics competition held in Northampton on Saturday. For all of our pupils this was their first experience of an event of this type; a large number of competitors and against such tough competition. We are extremely proud of the following children for their effort and achievement.

Team 3: Ella, Freya, Isabelle, Lily, Philippa and Tabitha

Team 2: Elizabeth, Eve, Florence, Isla, Katelyn, Nell and Isabella

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Musical tuition

Last Friday Class 3 and Class 4 were treated to a visit from NMPAT's String teacher. The main reason to hold such an event is to encourage children to show an interest, or desire to want to learn how to play a musical instrument. Now we can offer violin, viola or cello lessons. If you feel your child is showing a genuine interest in wishing to have lessons please make contact with the school office stating the preferred choice of instrument.

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Payments for Wrap around Care

Please ensure all sessions for before or after school care are booked and paid for via Parent Pay. Breakfast sessions cost £4.50 and after school care is £3.50 per hour. Any questions please contact Cassandra Bowman in the school office or e-mail Mrs Klegeris on teejayklegeris@blakesleyprimary.co.uk Thank you.

Blakesley Book Day

For our part of celebrating World Book Day, we will be hosting 'Blakesley Book Day' on Friday 11th March. We invite all of our pupils to dress up as either their favourite character or as any character from a book of their choice. It is the 25th anniversary of this annual event so throughout the day all pupils will be participating in a variety of activities.

SATs revision

Just a reminder that SATs revision classes start again for all Y6 pupils next Thursday, 10th March. Sessions run until 4.15pm. Last time it was wonderful to see such a high turnout of our children stay after school and continue to study hard (as well as have fun and a few unexpected treats too!). To have 100% attendance each session is our aim. You can do it Year 6!

Safeguarding: You Tube

We are becoming very aware that a large number of our pupils watch clips on You Tube.

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. From a positive viewpoint, it is a superb space for people to consume content that they have an interest in. As a result, this popular platform has then had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and the capability to create new celebrities.

However there are a number of points to consider carefully before allowing children to have unlimited access to such a platform. Attached is a sheet that will provide tips on a number of potential risks such as connecting with strangers, inappropriate content and high visibility.

Future Dates

- Mar 4th FABs Quiz night
- Mar 10th SATs Revision Class 3.15-4.15pm
- Mar 11th Blakesley Book Day
- Mar 17th Please note: No Trickers Club
- Mar 18th Red Nose Day
- Mar 25th Class Photographs

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

Yours faithfully,

Laurie Hill

Headteacher

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