

Blakesley CE Primary School
Blakesley
NN12 8RD
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Newsletter T5 W2

Dear Parents/Carers,



Praise assemblies

It was lovely to welcome parents and families back to 'Praise Assembly' again. Being able to acknowledge achievements and to celebrate success stories together is a wonderful occasion. Seeing the children proudly receive their award is so motivating, uplifting and helps develop confidence. From now on teachers will be notifying families of their child's nomination ahead of the service so that parents/carers have enough time to make arrangements so that they can attend.



Ukulele lessons

Class 3 had their first ukulele lesson on Wednesday. For the next 9 weeks, all of the Y3/Y4 pupils will receive free tuition from a peripatetic music teacher provided by Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts. (NMPAT) This opportunity was offered to the school due to the large numbers of children we currently have receiving individual music lessons.

There are many reasons to learn to play a musical instrument. Having to practice teaches perseverance and creates a sense of achievement. Those who play instruments have improved hand eye coordination. Not only does the process improve listening skills but scientific studies have proved it increases reading, maths and memory skills too.

Having individual lessons in school comes at a cost. Each term there are invoices to be paid. Sadly, a small number of these are still outstanding. Please note families with monies still to be paid will be contacted by the school office.



Every day counts

Nationally, attendance figures for school are still lower than desired. At Blakesley CE, we are pleased to announce that our numbers are above the national average. Any absent child's family will be contacted by phone/e mail if no message has been given to the school office. Each month, all attendance figures are checked. Where there is cause for concern, families will be notified and challenged as to why any persistent absenteeism is continuing. Local authority officers are informed too. Records of all reasons given for absence continue to be kept. There must be legitimate reasons for keeping a child off school.

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Jubilee Celebrations

There are many activities that the school will be involved in, supporting the village community to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As well as an opportunity to create a pudding to serve, there will be a tree planting ceremony and some portrait painting. There will also be an opportunity for pupils to paint pebbles as our contribution towards the planned village Rose Garden.

As always, FABs have been very generous with their support of many school projects and they are providing funds for these activities to go ahead. They are always looking for new members to help them with their fund raising and initiatives. Please offer your support by contacting Charlotte at this address: charlottepacey@hotmail.com



Clerk to the Governors

The position of Clerk to the Governors is still vacant. Our Governing body seeks someone who is capable of recording the details of meetings and then providing minutes. A payment is made for each meeting attended. If interested, please contact Maxine Conway, Chair of Governors, for further information: mlconway4@gmail.com



Information for New Intake Parents

A meeting has been arranged at 6.30pm on 14th June for the parents of children attending Blakesley CE in September 2022. Mrs Cox will contact all families involved in this exciting time, very soon.



Class photographs

Class photographs taken yesterday were ones of groupings of pupils amalgamated together to make a class collective. We have asked the photographer to return this summer to take a more traditional photograph of a whole class at a time in one sitting. We await details of a new date.



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Safeguarding: Group chats

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

Please see the attached flyer providing useful information about group chats.



Launch of our Values Passport

Please come along at 6.30pm on Tuesday May 10th to the launch of our Values Passport. All are welcome. This will also be an opportunity to meet members of our Governing Body and FABs team.



Bank Holiday

Just a gentle reminder that Monday is a Bank Holiday. Let us hope the sun shines.

Future Dates

- May 2nd Bank Holiday School closed
- May 9th KS2 Y6 SATs week
- May 10th Values Passport Launch 6.30pm
- May 18th Y6 Whitemoor Residential trip
- May 23rd Life Bus visit
- May 27th End of Term Mufti Photos

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

Yours faithfully,

Laurie Hill

Headteacher