

## BLOXHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our Collective Worship Value this term is **FORGIVENESS**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### GENERAL NEWS

#### THE STATUTORY INSPECTION OF ANGLICAN AND METHODIST SCHOOLS (SIAMS):

Hot on the heels of OFSTED, we had our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection on March 15. It takes account both of academic performance and additionally the spiritual and religious aspects of school life and how, as a Church school, we fulfil our obligations.

I am extremely pleased to report that the inspector judged our school to remain at its previous grading, awarded in 2012, of Outstanding. Early in the report the inspector highlights the "rapid progress in learning by all pupils". The report also comments upon the inspirational leadership of the senior leadership team which results in 'very high standards of behaviour and high quality relationships across the school'.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I'd like to congratulate pupils and staff alike on another ringing endorsement of our school. The SIAMS inspection report is attached to this newsletter.

John Jackson  
Chair of Governors

#### ARTSMARK GOLD AWARD:

More excellent news - I am delighted that our application for Artsmark Gold has been successful. I know just how much work Ms Coles did in writing our bid, as well as of course leading the excellent range of musical opportunities that we now provide at our school. I am delighted that it has been recognised in this prestigious award.

**SWEETS AND SNACKS SURVEY:** Many thanks to everyone who completed the questionnaire on sweets and snacks. We had 85 responses - with a wide range of comments and opinions. It has taken us a little while to go through the feedback and to discuss with the Governing Body. A complete report on the results will be published on the school website over the Easter holidays but the main things that we discovered were:

- Overall, parents and carers do not feel that the sale of cakes, sweets and chocolate at FOBPS events and being offered at parties etc is a problem for children's health and do not want to stop them being available.
- The sale of sweet and fizzy drinks at fund-raising events was, however, considered to be a problem with opposition to it being expressed.
- Overall, the decision as to whether children have sweets at school events should be that of parents and carers but, importantly, there was a strong opinion that there should be more choice at events - with healthy food and drink alternatives being obviously available.

- The policy of no longer giving out sweets for birthdays received significant support.

The Governing Body have discussed the results and, together with FOBPS and Pre-school will be supporting moves to provide a range of healthy alternatives at all school events. Sweet and fizzy drinks will be scaled back in favour of healthier alternatives. We will also be reviewing the school's Food Policy in light of the findings.

Some responses also expressed concern about burgers and hot dogs being the only food on sale. The sale of alcohol was also a problem for some. As this had not been included as part of the survey it was out of the scope of it to address. However, the sale of these items will be a matter for FOBPS to consider in future.

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#### PLAY & LEARN SESSIONS AT THE CHERRY TREE CENTRE (new name for Butterfly Meadows Childrens' Centre):

New weekly play sessions will take place on Mondays & Wednesdays from 9.30-11.00am and are open to all families with children aged 5 and under. We have lots of toys to play with, a baby area and arts & crafts activities. Come along to chat to other parents in a friendly and supportive environment. The first session will be Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AT BLOXHAM SCHOOL:** The Thursday clubs held at Bloxham School; Cookery, Art, Secret Reading and Mathmagicians will start again from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May (inclusive) and from Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June (inclusive).

**GARDENING CLUB:** We are looking for volunteers to help with the Gardening Club that runs after school on Mondays from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Please call into reception if you are interested.

**KITCHEN ASSISTANT WANTED:** Fresh Start are seeking to appoint a Kitchen Assistant for Bloxham Primary School. Successful candidates will have a positive work ethic and the ability to work as part of a team in order to produce freshly prepared meals for school children. Catering qualifications and some relevant experience are preferable. The contract is for 20 hours per week, term time only. Post is subject to an enhanced DBS check. For details please email [selena@freshstartcatering.uk](mailto:selena@freshstartcatering.uk)

**BIG FESTIVAL IN THE PLAYGROUND 2:** Our big festival is being held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June from 2pm to 9pm. Helpers are needed from 8am for various activities; setting up marquees and stalls, running BBQs, helping with tea and coffee, gate duty. If you are available to help, please email school office: [office.3064@bloxham-pri.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3064@bloxham-pri.oxon.sch.uk)

with your details so we can include you in the rotas. More information about the festival to follow.

**EASTER CHURCH SERVICE:** We welcome Parents/Carers to our Easter church service tomorrow (Friday) at 10am. Please note it is very likely to be standing room only for parents and carers as all year groups are participating in the service. Once again I would like to remind parents in the health centre if they are coming to church.

**MEAL MANAGER:** Reminder that Meal Manager for ordering school meals with Fresh Start for next term will close on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Any queries please contact Fresh Start direct on 01869 226675 or email [support@freshstartcatering.uk](mailto:support@freshstartcatering.uk)

**FREE TENNIS FOR KIDS:** Free tennis coaching is available at Banbury West End Club, Adderbury to give children a chance to learn tennis in a fun and friendly environment. Please contact the club for details.

#### ATTENDANCE

Since our last newsletter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March, our overall attendance has been 95.75% to date. The class with the best attendance for w/c 20<sup>th</sup> March was shared between 1A and 6N with 99.7% and last week was 3SC with 100% and they were awarded our attendance Ted.

#### F.O.B.P.S NEWS

The Easter egg raffle was a great success and the winners were drawn yesterday (Wednesday) in assembly. The winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> prize Amelia Button, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Finlay Butt-Gow, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize Travis Bowen followed by another 18 winners. Thank you for the all the support you continue to give to FOBPS and we wish you a Happy Easter.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

**ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES:** Harvey Brooks, Charlie Humphreys, Issie Williams, Kelsie Newman, Henry Lammond, Aaron Gibbs, Ellis Boyes, Cole Spencer-Davies, Heidi Armstrong

**BRONZE BADGE:** Madeline Dowling

**SILVER BADGE:** Max Sayers, Rylee Smith-Jones, Samuel Smith, Bella Hart, Fraser Talbot, Lucy Belcher

**ASA LEARN TO SWIM AWARD:** Verity Williams has achieved Stage 3

**THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE THEIR CERTIFICATES AND BADGES IN COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

**ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES:** Florence Green, Eve Risbridger, Iris Jackson, Isla Hart, Ella Warner, Adam Duckett, Lily Baldwin, Isla Pomroy, Lily Sulaiman, Ollie Ryan, Travis Bowen, Dylan Blackhall, Fenton Smith, Sam Morris, Emily England, Branwyn Daniels, Hattie Bowen, Finley Bates, Seion Champkins.

**BRONZE BADGE:** Henry Lammond

**GOLD BADGE:** Olivia Hall, Ruby Kennedy, Hannah Mitchell, Katie Smithson, Archie Sollis, Aurora Wojtulewski.

**BRONZE STAR:** Martha Floate

**SILVER STAR:** Ben Johnson

**PRIMARY NETBALL 2017:** Congratulations on finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Primary U11 High 5 Netball final 2017: Dillon Quaedvlieg, Josh Buckmeier, Aiden Jakeman, Scarlett Large, Isabella Wratten, Annie Armstrong, Paige Atherton, Sophia Large

**RESPECT SPORT AWARD:** Scarlett Large, Thomas Finlay, Paige Atherton, Mason Sammons

**GYMNASTICS CERTIFICATES:** Olivia Sopp, Kelsie Newman

#### EVENTS

**RED NOSE DAY:** Thank you for all your enthusiasm for buying red noses. We raised a fantastic £240 throughout the week for comic relief.

**YOUNG BIRDPWATCHERS COURSE:** There are places still available for the Young Birdwatchers course. Children from years 5, 6 and 7 are invited to Young Birdwatchers Course at Warriner School Farm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 4pm - £10 per child. To book your place please contact Marie Jones on 01295 721471 or email [m.jones@warriner.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:m.jones@warriner.oxon.sch.uk)

**EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA:** Bloxham Pre School had a wonderful Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday. The Easter bonnet parade was enjoyed in the beautiful spring sunshine. We would like to thank everyone who supported our event, including our sponsors Smiths of Bloxham and Mark David Estate Agents. The funds raised will be used to purchase new resources for the PFSU garden.

**CAKE SALE:** Thank you for your cake donations today (Thursday) it was a great success. We will let you know how much was raised in our next newsletter.

#### SPORTS NEWS

You may have noticed in the last newsletter a new section 'Sporting News', the members of the SSOC (School Sports Organising Crew) will keep you updated on any sporting news. You can also read this on our blog.

**Last week:** On Monday our netball teams played at the Bicester School in the North Oxfordshire large schools finals. The teams played in separate pools and both showed determination and teamwork. Bloxham team 2 finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their pool and then drew their final play-off match. Bloxham team 1 finished 1<sup>st</sup> in their pool and won their semi-final and then finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall after battling it out in the final. Bloxham team 1 have now qualified to play in the County finals next Wednesday in Abingdon.

Well done to all the children for their hard work, commitment and fair play:

Dillon, Josh, Aiden, Sophia, Scarlett, Paige, Annie, Isabella, Tom, Carson, Theo, Rachel, Amelia, Roma, Cat and Eve. A special well done to Sophia and Carson, who won the teamwork awards.

On Tuesday children from Y2 up to Y6 took part in a 'HIIT' workout, which was streamed live by Joe Wicks. Thank you, Mr Owens for organising and leading this. Even the teachers joined in!

Also on Tuesday, some of Y2 took part in the multiskills festival at the Warriner. Mrs McLeod said they had fun and enjoyed all the different activities. Well done these children for their efforts:

Oscar, Isla, Charlie J, Jack T, Gabriel, Louisa, Matthew, Thomas, Amelia, Ethan, Lucy, Harvey, Jordan, Bella, Charlie H, Daniel, Alissia, Lily, Joshua W and Joe.

On Friday, the weather stayed fine and dry for the Oxfordshire County Cross Country finals. All the children should feel very proud representing their school at this level and should certainly feel a sense of achievement after running this challenging cross country course, whatever their finishing place. Thank you to parents who took time to come and support us all.

A special thank you to Sophia Large who agreed to run for us last minute this morning, as we were short on numbers for our Y6 team.

Lastly, a truly amazing performance by Dillon, who lead most of the way in the y5/6 boys race and finished strong in first place. Simply superb!

**This week:** On Tuesday we had two teams playing in a football tournament at Deddington, organised by a former pupil of ours, Jack Welch! Team A, Scarlett, Isabella, Cat, Dillion, Carson, Luke and Mason, won their group. Team B, Amelia, Roma, Paige, Sander, Jack, Harry, Thomas and Anthony, were runners up in their group and so both teams played each other in the semi-finals, resulting in Team A winning 2-0. Team A then faced Deddington and even after extra time the score was still 0-0.

It was decided that both teams should be joint winners. Bloxham were given the trophy to take home first. Well done all players for their commitment and perseverance. A special mention to four children who were awarded a certificate for showing respect: Mason Sammons, Scarlett Large, Paige Atherton and Thomas Finlay.

On Wednesday our netball team played in the County finals in Abingdon. I am delighted to report that the children came away with bronze medals. An amazing achievement! Well done to all of the team: Sophia, Scarlett, Annie, Paige, Isabella, Dillon, Aiden and Josh.

**TERM DATES:** A reminder that term 5 starts on **Monday 24th**

**April** Ends 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Inset Day 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

School Holiday: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

Term 6: Starts 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 Ends 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

Term 1 2017 starts 5<sup>th</sup> September

These dates are also on the school website.

I hope you enjoy a happy and peaceful Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M. Ingall  
Headteacher