

## BLOXHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### STAFF NEWS

We are looking for a lunchtime assistant to start 22.5.17, for 5 days per week. Experience of working in a school at lunchtime is desirable.

Grade for this position is Grade 1 point 6 £7.78 an hour on contract

The successful applicant will be required to complete a DBS check. The position is term time only.

If you are interested please call into the main office for an application pack.

### GENERAL NEWS

As you will know we recently had our OFSTED inspection which describes us as a Good school. In March we were also inspected as part of the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) that graded our school as Outstanding.

These are some of the comments from the reports:

- Bloxham is an inclusive school ... which ensures rapid progress in learning by all pupils.
- Warm, open and supportive culture that enables staff and pupils to develop confidence and succeed in their work.
- The distinctive Christian values are actively encouraged by inspirational leadership from the head teacher and senior leaders, resulting in very high standards of behaviour and high quality relationships across the school.
- The school's relationship with parents, St. Mary's Church and the community are outstanding.
- High expectations of staff and pupils and you (*headteacher*) demonstrate a clear commitment to further improving the quality of provision.

These inspections follow on from our excellent results in 2016 (and previous years) showing that we are consistently in the top 10% of schools in the country.

You will also know that we have recently been awarded the prestigious Artsmark Gold Award in recognition of the outstanding work in art and culture. We are extremely lucky to have both specialist music and sports teachers at our school, who support our success in these areas.

However you may not know that we have spaces in many year groups, so if you know of anyone who is planning on moving to the area with in the near future with children please do ask them to contact us.

**PARKING:** We've had complaints from residents asking parents not to park in front of their drives when they drop off and pick up children. Please park sensibly so that residents can access their drives.

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

Reminder: New weekly play sessions have started on Mondays & Wednesdays from 9.30-11.00am and are open to all families with children aged 5 and under. The first session was a great success with 15 families attending. Come along to chat to other parents in a friendly and supportive environment.

### HELPERS NEEDED FOR OUR 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, even for a couple of hours, please email or phone the 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 will follow.

**SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2017 VOUCHERS:** Thank you for all the Active Kids vouchers you've already sent in. Sainsburys have now stopped giving them out but we have a few more weeks to collect them in, so if you have any, please bring them into school as soon as possible.

**BLOXHAM PRE-SCHOOL ASSISTANT VACANCY:** From September 2017 (until July 2018) we would like to employ a Pre School Assistant to work Wednesdays 11.45am -3pm, Thursdays and Fridays from 8.45am – 12 noon. Additional hours maybe required to cover staff absence. It is essential that our new person is qualified to level 2/3 in childcare care. Hourly rate will be based on qualifications and experience. If you are interested, please send your CV to Mrs Davies. Closing date for applications is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**TERM DATES:** A reminder that term 5 ends on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017, **Inset Day Friday 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.

### ATTENDANCE

Since our last newsletter dated 6<sup>th</sup> April, our overall attendance has been 95.31% to date.

The class with the best attendance for w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> April was 3WH with 98.9% and last week was 2S with 99.3% and they were awarded our attendance Ted.

Following the clarification in the High Court that it is illegal for parents to take their children out of school for holidays, please note that the Governing Body has instructed me to robustly implement the policy of not authorising holidays. This does mean that referrals will be made to County Council Attendance Team and penalty notices will be issued.

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

Our next meeting is tonight (Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May) at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome and it would be lovely to see some new faces. If you would like to get involved with FoBPS but can't make the meeting tonight, please email us on [fobps@mail.com](mailto:fobps@mail.com) we would love to hear from you.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES:** Soraya Coelho, Charlotte Carter, Grace Redhead, Mia Perring, Grace Evans, Finn Sharman-Allen, Jack Needell, Rachel Davies, Keeley-May Mates

**BRONZE BADGE:** Emily Blake, Oliver Baxter, Chloe Smith, Jessica Burns, Lacey Chappell, Logan Dimmock, Thomas Johnson

**BRONZE STAR:** Chloe Reeves, Kiran Sahonta

**SILVER STAR:** Abigail Ward

**ASA LEARN TO SWIM AWARD:** Congratulations to Charlie Humphreys for achieving Stage 4.

**ABRSM:** Congratulations to Joseph Hedley who passed Grade 2 Clarinet exam with merit.

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

**ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES:** Oscar Togneri, Toby Dickson-Smith, Alissia Schulz, Joshua Buckmeier, Sophie Eustace, Isabella Munro, Heidi Phillips, Jae Phipps, Finlay Piddington, Mason Sammons, Carson Wolbert, Angel Cook

**BRONZE BADGE:** Joseph McInerney

**SILVER BADGE:** Joe Williams, Lewis Bestley

**GOLD BADGE:** Annie Armstrong

**GOLD STAR:** India-May Searle

**BOOK OF THEIR CHOICE FOR RECEIVING 120 CBGS:** Martha Simons, Toby Dickson-Smith, Joby England

**Congratulations to the following children who took part in the Tudor Hall Junior Schools' Tennis Event. They were excellent ambassadors for our school:** Martha Simons, Isla Hart, Raife Drake, Daniel England, Ben Johnson, Zachary Noad

**BRACKLEY TOWN FOOTBALL MEDALS:** Charlie Humphreys and Harry Hunt won medals for winning a football tournament.

**TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON:** Congratulations to Shantel Greatbatch who has been awarded Grade 3 Musical Theatre (Groups) with distinction

**DANCE EXAMINATIONS BOARD:** Congratulations to Ella Mae Foster who passed her Level 1 Award in Dance with distinction.

## EVENTS

**MOTHERS' UNION:** Coffee morning on 16<sup>th</sup> May at Godswell Park from 10.30am – 12 noon. There will be a Bring and Buy stall and a raffle. This will be in aid of Mothers' Union AFIA (Away From It All) holiday project for families not able to afford a holiday and who have not had a holiday for a number of years. Please make a note of the date now and come and support this worthy cause. Call in on the way back from school drop-off, or on the way to lunchtime pick-up! Contact Olwen Smith 721709 for more details.

## SPORTS NEWS

Last week, year 5 began their tennis coaching sessions kindly provided by Bloxham School. This will continue for the

rest of the term. On Tuesday this week, some children from year 5 were invited to a Tennis day at Tudor Hall, where they took part in some coaching sessions and matches. The children really enjoyed themselves and were excellent ambassadors. They will be receiving their certificates in Assembly this week. Well done to Raife Drake, Daniel England, Ben Johnson, Zachary Noad, Martha Simons and Isla Hart.

Next week our Sports Governor, David Finlay, will be coming in to present our class PE awards. The children are very keen to find out who has won the award and will be enjoying a 'golden PE lesson'. More on this in the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M. Ingall  
Headteacher