

BLOXHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Collective Worship Value this term is HOPE



Newsletter 17 - 8th June 2018

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STAFF NEWS:

Mr Protherough has been offered the role of lead teacher for KS1 and KS2 at Kirtlington Primary School, starting in September. I know you will join me in wishing him every success and good fortune as he embarks upon this senior leadership role. We would like to thank him for all his hard work during his time at our school.

Congratulations to Mr Sharpe who has gained his National Senco Qualification.

COMING UP IN SCHOOL:

8th June

FOBPS Hollywood and Hotdogs

12th June

F1S to Warriner School Farm

13th June

ECO Day in School - non uniform day

14th June

Class 3SH to Warriner Farm

14th June

Mini Orange Tennis Festival

15th June

Year 2 visiting Gaydon Motor Museum

19th June

Sports Morning for Foundation and Years 1, 2 and 3

21st June

Class 3MH to Warriner Farm

26th June

Tri Golf Festival

27th June

Year 4 visiting The Living Rain Forest

29th June

Whole school Midsummer Night's Dream dress rehearsal

3rd July

Sports Morning for years 4, 5 and 6

6th July

Year 6 end of year trip to Blenheim Palace

7th July

A Midsummer Night's Dream

10th July

Year 2 trip to Oxford Mosque

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:

As you know school photo day was Wednesday of this week. If you have parental responsibility and would like additional proofs of the photographs (which can be collected from the school office), then please let us know by Tuesday 12th June. Otherwise we will assume that we need to send only one set of proofs home with your child. The Governing Body are in the process of writing a Communications policy which we anticipate will clarify this in future.

ECO DAY

On Wednesday 13th June the children are invited to come to school dressed in the colours of the ocean. This day is to raise awareness of the plight of the oceans caused by single use plastics, as highlighted on the BBC Blue Planet program.

The ECO Rangers want to raise some funds for another piece of climbing equipment for the field as they would like to provide the pupils with something to swing on instead of swinging on and breaking the willow trees. We are suggesting a voluntary donation of £1 towards this along with dressing in the colours of the ocean. We shall be watching some video clips and taking part in some Art and D&T activities during the day.

HELEN AND DOUGLAS HOUSE

On our non uniform day last term we raised an amazing £556.06. Thank you from our Pupil Parliament to everyone for their support.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP - BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Forms have been sent out for our summer holiday scheme which is running from 23rd July to 10th August. If you would like to book a space please send your form back to the office by 18th June.

Application forms have also been sent out for before and after school care for September. Please return completed forms to the office ASAP.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Just a reminder that this is happening on the school field on 7th July. A letter with ticket information will be sent this week.

Costumes in to school: Costumes will need to be in school for Monday 25th June ready for our dress rehearsal where your child will also have their photo taken wearing their costume. This photo will be printed in the programme that will be available at the event. Costumes will be sent back home with your child after our dress rehearsal. The pupils will need to come dressed in their costumes on the day of the event.

Costumes for years 1-5: Your child may come dressed as a woodland fairy/elf or a woodland creature of their choice, such as a fox or a deer. We will be making masks in school next term so it is important that you talk with your child so they are aware of which character they are going to be. As always homemade is best so do not feel the need to spend lots of money.

Costumes for year 6: For children in year 6 with a main part we have had a meeting with the children about their costumes. Please do get in touch if you are still unsure of what your child's costume requirements are. If your child has not got a main acting role but is one of our dancers/singers in year 6 then please refer to costumes for years 1-5.

CURRICULUM MAP

Changing me is the theme for Term 6 - as stated on the Curriculum Map. The children will focus on changes in their life, in their bodies and as they move to new classes and schools, changes in their immediate future. Should you wish to see any resources, please contact your child's Class Teacher.

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INTERNET SAFETY

A number of parents have told us how useful they found the information about internet safety in the last newsletter and asked for additional information.

We hope the following graphic is also of use.

These two web pages contain some very useful information also.

<https://internetmatters.org>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology>

SETTING UP A DEVICE SAFELY FOR CHILDREN

YOUTUBE

Settings
Tick Safe Search Filtering
Tick Strict

SAFARI

Settings
General
Restrictions
Set up appropriately for your child

TURN OFF IN APP PURCHASES

Settings
General
Restrictions
Turn Off In App Purchases

DISALLOW UPLOADING OR DELETING OF APPS

Settings
General
Restrictions
Installing Apps or Deleting Apps

DISABLE SAFARI BROWSER

Settings
General
Restrictions
Allowed Content

MAKE ITUNES SAFE

ITUNES on your computer
Edit
Preferences - Parental
Decide what is appropriate

GUIDED ACCESS to avoid going to other apps and websites from within an app

Settings
General
Restrictions
Scroll down to learning - accessibility
Guided Access - Toggle On

ACHIEVEMENT BADGES AND CERTIFICATES

Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding when we had to close the school on Monday whilst we assessed the damage caused to the school by the recent storms. The hall roof is currently being repaired. Due to this damage we have been unable to award badges and certificates this week as we have not had an assembly. If, as seems likely, we are unable to hold assemblies next week as well I will award the children their certificates and badges in their own classes with their achievements being celebrated in our next newsletter.

SPORTS NEWS

KWIK CRICKET

On 5th June some year 5 and 6 students went to the Warriner for the Kwik Cricket Festival. There were some hard fought matches but our team never gave up.

Everyone did well and enjoyed it. Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Festival. We certainly were quick at the cricket! By Iris Jackson and Thomas Finlay

QUAD KIDS

On Tuesday 22nd May we took 36 children (4 teams) from Years 4-6 to the Warriner Partnership Quad Kids Athletics competition. The children were in mixed boy/girls teams of 8-10 children. Each child took part in 4 events: middle distance run, sprint, vortex throw and long jump. Our children had already worked hard to earn their place on the squad and now faced the challenge of competing against top athletes from other schools. I am pleased to say that they all received and deserved a certificate of determination for their efforts. They were amazing in terms of their behaviour, sportsmanship and athleticism.

Well done to all: Thomas Finlay, Alfie John Smith, Luke Alexander, Rylie Jakeman, Charlotte Carter, Martha Simons, Abi Ward, Ava Rose, Iris Jackson, Charlie Stapleton, Barney Russell-Newman, Aaron Gibbs, Ben Johnson, Eve Risbridger, Molly Sanderson, Ella Warner, Amelie De Lukowicz, Toby Clinkard, Gabe Gregory, Joe Lailey, Kajus Ringys, Ed Hardy, Kiera Stegall, Ruby Stead, Eleanor Puddle, Ava Morris, Ruby Casewell, Luca King, Max Pomroy, Kyle McLeod, Jesse Carter, Grant Wolbert, Eliza Barton, Lottie De Lukowicz, Martha Jackson and Charlotte Ash-Burton Dunning.

One of our teams from Y5/6 and one from Year 4 won the event by gaining the most points out of all of the teams taking part, so will go onto the North Oxfordshire finals on June 19th. A special mention to the following children who finished in the top three as an individual: Toby Clinkard 1st place, Gabe Gregory 3rd, Kiera Stagall 2nd and Thomas Finlay 1st place in the Y5/6 level.

Mr. M. Ingall

