

BLOXHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

STAFF NEWS

Mrs Davis will be leaving us on Friday 3rd November. This is because she has been offered a full time contract working for Oxfordshire County Council. I would like to thank her for all she has done since joining our school last year and wish her every success in her new role. Mrs McKenna has been appointed as our school receptionist, starting on 6th November. I know that she is really looking forward to working in our school and amongst her other duties, fulfilling that vital role of being the first point of contact for all visitors and parents.

PARENT GOVERNOR: Congratulations to Emily Casewell who has been appointed as a Parent/Governor. I know that she is looking forward to taking on this role.

LUNCHTIME ASSISTANT VACANCY: We are looking for a lunchtime assistant to start as soon as possible, for 5 days per week for 1 hour a day to cover the lunch period. 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. Successful applicant will be required to complete a DBS check and safeguarding training. Position is term time only.

If you are interested, please email Sandra Bletchly: bursar.3064@bloxham-pri.oxon.sch.uk for more details and an application form or call at the main office for an application pack.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for volunteers who can spare an hour in the afternoons to help with the Library. Volunteers would need to be able to help on a regular weekly basis and complete a full DBS check. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

GENERAL NEWS

PARENT PROGRESS MEETINGS: Please remember to book your appointment before the closing date of Monday 16th October at 12pm.

HARVEST FESTIVAL: Splendid Harvest Celebrations from Middle Phase and Foundation Stage children. They were both very well attended. Thank you for the harvest gifts which will be donated to this year's charity; Banbury Young Homelessness Project, a very worthy cause. The Harvest Celebration for Years 4, 5 & 6 will be in **St. Mary's Church, Bloxham** at 10am on Friday 13th October.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS: Please return your orders to school by **Wednesday 18th October**. Any orders received after this date will need to be ordered from Colourbox direct.

ADMISSIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2018:

Just to remind you that the closing date for Secondary School Applications is 31st October 2017. If you haven't already done so, you should complete your application on-line via the Oxfordshire website: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions. If you are unable to complete the application on-line, please ask for a paper copy from the school office as soon as possible.

BOOKFAIR: We are planning a Book Fair for next term, more details will follow soon.

FOUNDATION STAGE OPEN MORNINGS: If your child is scheduled to start in Foundation Stage in September 2018 you may be interested to know that we have 3 Foundation Open Mornings on Tuesday 7th November 9.30am – 11am, Wednesday 15th November 9.30am – 11am and Monday 8th January 9.30am – 11am. We look forward to seeing you.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: The clubs are now full. If your child is interested in joining a club, please contact the school office and they can be placed on a waiting list. If your child is not able to attend a club at any time please can you let the school know so we are aware of their absence.

HELP WANTED: We have purchased a new galvanised shed to store the PE kit that is used for the pupils PE lessons. We have had a base laid thanks to a generous donation by a staff member's husband, whose company completed the work at no cost to school. We do need a small work party to put it together - all the heavy work has been done, we need a few parents/carers to help a few staff members on Sunday 15th October from 9.30am. If you can make it even if it is for an hour could you email me (bursar.3064@bloxham-pri.oxon.sch.uk) your name and telephone number by Friday 13th by 4.00 pm so I can make a list of people who are willing to help. We will contact you if the work is cancelled for any reason. If you have an electric screw driver then that would be helpful too. Thank you Sandra Bletchly

FOBPS

Tickets for our Fantastic Fireworks on Friday 3rd November will be on sale next week after school at the gate. It's always a great night, so hope to see you there. Please let us know if you are able to help on the night by emailing fobps@mail.com

ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance w/c 25th September was class 6PO with 98.4% and last week (w/c 2nd October) was class 2O and F1P with 100% and they were awarded

our attendance Ted. The overall attendance since our last newsletter was 97.07%.

So far this term we have very rarely had to ring parents because they have not informed us of their child's absence. Our overall attendance this term has been 96.99% which is a significant improvement on this time last year. It is clear from talking with parents that there is increased acknowledgement of the importance of good attendance. However on a few occasions, parents have indicated that their child is absent due to sickness, only for the children to tell their class teacher that they have been away for the weekend. At the pupil progress meetings next week, class teachers will be confirming each individual child's current level of attendance as stated in our school attendance policy.

EVENTS

TEA & TOAST: Every Friday 9am – 11am at St Mary's Parish Rooms, there is a relaxed café style space for toddler activities, a listening ear and refreshments. All ages welcome.

LADIES CLOTHES SALE: 1st Bloxham Scout Group are hosting a ladies clothes sale and fashion show on Tuesday 17th October at Bloxham Primary School. Travelling Trends will be bringing a range of high street clothes with prices slashed by 30-60%. Confirmed brands are M&S, Debenhams, Per Una, Top Shop, New Look, Monsoon and more. Sizes available from 4 -24. Changing area, so you can try before you buy. Cash or card sales only. Tickets are available to purchase before and after school on Friday 13th October at £6 per ticket. Tickets also available on the night. Your support for this fun night out for ladies is greatly appreciated.

CAKE SALE: There will be a break time cake sale on Thursday 19th October to help raise funds to purchase new resources to enhance the learning within the PFSU. All cakes will be 50p each. Surplus cakes will be on sale after school outside Pre-School.

CONGRATULATIONS

BOOK OF THEIR CHOICE FOR RECEIVING 120 CBGS: Toby Swan, Alliyah Walsh

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES: Izzy Barton, Charlotte Carter, Mia Perring, Molly Sanderson, Edith Murphy, Jago Quinney, Sofia Davila, Aisha Evans, Toby Cotton, Jasper Hayward, Ellis Hayward, Luke Jakeman, Thomas Potts, Mattia De Marco, Hamish Labuda, Tyler Hitchcox, Alfie Parish, Luke Alexander, Charlie Stapleton, Mae Saunders, Felix Moulin, Emily England, Layla Williams

BRONZE BADGE: Alicia Walmsley

SILVER BADGE: Noah Davies, Jack Teesdale, Ollie Ryan

GOLD BADGE: Aleena Mahmood, Max Pomroy

BRONZE STAR: Eve Risbridger, Amelia Mills, Anya Hart

The following children will receive their certificates next week (w/c 16th October):

BOOK OF THEIR CHOICE FOR RECEIVING 120 CBGS: Layla Williams, Leanna Wratten, Luke Jones

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES: Isabelle Williams, Theo Barnes, Hannah Mitchell, Macy Way, Sophie Phillips, Grace Mattin, Adwin Toney, Oscar Togneri, Charlie Stoton, Martha Simons, Luke Oehlers, Millicent Noble-Coles, Lottie Nicholls, Raife Drake, Toby Dickson-Smith, Adam Jones, Barney Russell-

Newman, Elisha Stockford-Bonner, Daisy Richardson, Roman Gregg, Lacey Chappell, Maddie Dowling, Ella Warner, Toby Swan, Joseph McInerney, Jade Lee, Lucy Kershaw, Iris Jackson, Tom Carter, Isaac Buckmeier, Lily Baldwin, Luke Jones, Ruby Kennedy, George Earl

SILVER BADGE: Ellis Boyes

GOLD BADGE: Dylan Bucknell, Mia Perring, Sam Rookyard, Daniel England, Elise Scott, Eliza Barton

BRONZE STAR: Elouise Burns, Joby England,

SILVER STAR: Courtenay Docherty, Millicent Noble-Coles

GOLD STAR: Thomas Finlay, Ben Johnson, Abigail Ward

Congratulations to the following children for their Sporting Achievements shared with us in Collective Worship: **Bella Hart** for her medal for "Hockey Great Sportmanship", **Annabelle Simms** for her yellow belt in Karate, **Georgia White & Amelia Martin** both have medals from Oxford Hawks Hockey, **Ava Garner** achieved her white belt in World Judo Kuin Do and **Isla Pomroy** for her Bronze Lifeguard badge.

Congratulations to the following children who were excellent ambassadors for our school when they took part in the Oxford Sport Virgin Half Marathon on Sunday. It really was a splendid occasion enjoyed by adults and children:

Offilie Hedley, Isabelle Williams, Keira Dickson-Smith, Kian Dickson-Smith, Toby Dickson-Smith, Will Donovan, Fraser Talbot, Ellis Talbot, Thomas Cox, Daisy Raffill, Amelia Button, Caleb Button, Iris Murphy, Charles Stapleton, Ethan McCullough, Ava Shawyer, Reuben Hearn, Indi Rose, Luke Jakeman, Rylie Jakeman, Eve Risbridger, Fearn Risbridger, Beatrice Labuda, Fenton Smith, Alfie-John Smith, Liberty Bennett.

SPORTS NEWS

All classes have continued to develop their stamina through our weekly cross country running at the beginning of our PE lessons.

On Tuesday this week, some of our Year 5 and 6 competed in a Tag Rugby tournament at the Warriner against 16 other teams. We had 2 teams taking part and both teams played well with a mixture of wins, draws and losses. We narrowly missed out on a place in the semi-finals, but all players should be congratulated on the team work and perseverance. Well done to:

Charlie Stapleton, Thomas Finlay, Lily Baldwin, Iris Jackson, Martha Simons, Isla Pomroy, Eve Risbridger, Alliyah Walsh, Luke Alexander, Oliver Zviedris, Alfie Parish, Mae Saunders, Isabelle Williams, Rylie Jakeman, Raife Drake, Theo Barnes, Tom Sayers, Thomas Gaskill, Alfie-John Smith and Ryan Knaggs.

Next Week, some of our pupils will be taking part in the Triathlon at Sibford School. Good luck to all those, whether you are an individual or as part of a team. The first Tuesday after half term, Year two will be taking part in the Cross Country at the Warriner.

Please be reminded that we break up on Friday 20th October and school re-opens on Monday 30th October.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M. Ingall
Headteacher