

BLOXHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

STAFF NEWS

Mr Bletchly has been approached by the Civil Service and as a result has been offered a new post working for the Department of Education in London. This is an excellent opportunity and one, understandably, Niall did not want to turn down. This does mean that at the end of this term Mr Bletchly will be leaving our school.

I would like to thank him for all he has done at our school over the years in a large number of roles, including volunteer at Kilvrough, working at Kilvrough, lunchtime assistant, after school assistant, admin support and of course teaching assistant/hlta. I wish him success for the future.

I am really pleased to let you know that Miss Deacon will be returning to work in January 2017

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: Having good attendance at school is vital for children to make good progress at school. Ms. Oatridge's blog last week contained further information about the importance of high attendance at school. This year we are aiming for an overall attendance figure of 96.5%. We look at the attendance information on a weekly and termly basis and want to work closely with parents to ensure that children are in school. The Governing Body have requested that in each newsletter we highlight the class that has the highest attendance for the previous week as well as at the end of each term the overall attendance figures. Last week Mrs Akers' class had the best attendance, with an impressive figure of 99.7%- although some weeks we have had classes with 100% attendance, meaning that nobody was away all week. Since September our overall attendance has been 96.7%, which is impressive for the start of the year, but invariably the figure drops slightly over the winter months.

GENERAL NEWS

OFFICE VACANCY: The position of receptionist in the school office is now advertised on the school website and also on the Oxfordshire local authority website. If you are interested in applying, please do so online.

I am grateful to Miss Jones for offering temporary cover in the school office until a permanent appointment has been made.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINE: If your child is in Year 6, please be reminded that the deadline for secondary school applications is 31st OCTOBER 2106.

SEPTEMBER 2017: You can now apply online through Oxford Admissions www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions to start in our Foundation Stage in September 2017, (for children born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013). Please spread the word to your friends and family. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2017.

SCHOOL WEBSITE: Take a look at our updated website, it contains new information including all the approved Governor meeting minutes for the last 2 years.

HARVEST THANKS FROM BANBURY YOUNG HOMELESSNESS PROJECT: Dear Mr Ingall,

Please pass on our most sincere thanks to everyone involved in the Harvest Food Collection for our foodbank, we are incredibly grateful for the immense generosity.

From April to August 2016 we issued 92 food parcels, as winter approaches this number will increase significantly; every single donation makes a huge difference to the work BYHP is able to undertake.

As you are aware BYHP offers a number of services including Family Mediation and Counselling, Housing and Homelessness Advice and an Employability training course called Unlocking Potential which incorporates a weekly job club. In addition, BYHP runs a Peer Support Group for the Young People as well as the food bank stocked by kind donations from the local community.

From 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 BYHP helped 225 individual young people, often seeing them many times during the year, assisting them with a range of issues and providing them with the support that they need to change their lives.

As BYHP is a voluntary organisation it relies heavily on the donations and the good will of the community; donations such as yours are very much appreciated.

Please accept our sincere thanks for your generosity and continuing support because without it BYHP would not be what it is today.

F.O.B.P.S NEWS

FIREWORKS NIGHT - FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER: Come along to the ever popular Fabulous Fireworks Night on Friday 4th November. There will be a range of stalls selling glow in the dark merchandise and hot and cold refreshments, including a bar. Gates open at 6pm.

Tickets are currently on sale at the school gates before and after school, costing £4 each and £12 for a group for four. On the night, tickets will cost £5 and £15 respectively. Admission is free for under fours.

As always, we rely on your help to make a successful event. Can you spare 15 minutes to sell tickets before/after school, put up a poster, help to set up a stall or sell a few glowsticks on the night? Any contributions would be greatly appreciated and would lighten the load for our existing volunteers!

Promote your Business!

Do you work for a company or know somebody who would like to sponsor school events? In return, we offer publicity and branding opportunities through direct mail; through the school's website and online media channels; and through local advertising, as well as during the events themselves. It's not too late to be involved with our Fireworks Night, which attracts a large crowd.

Christmas is a Coming...

Only six weeks until our Christmas Fayre on Friday 2nd December. Please help us to make it a cracker! In addition to pairs of hands on the day, we are looking for donations of raffle prizes, large or small.

Please contact fobps@mail.com if you can contribute to any of the above, or would be interested in coming to our next meeting on 10th November.

Find [Friends of Bloxham Primary School](#) on Facebook.

CONGRATULATIONS

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES: Eliza Barton, Katie Collier, Elise Scott, Carson Wolbert, Lialy May Smith, Sander Morris, Joel Mitchell, Theo Mallock, Sophia Large, Shayde Gibbard, Kirsty Boneham, Sophie Phillips, Anya Hart, Mae Saunders, Abigail Ward, Martha Simons, Amelie De Lukowicz, Oscar Togneri, Adwin Toney, Finn Blackhall, Thomas Cox, Samuel Smith, Sadie Greatbatch, Lucy Belcher, Harvey Brooks, Georgia White, Fraser Talbot, Charlie Humphreys, Bella Hart, Annie Weller, Alissia Schulz

BRONZE BADGE: Grant Wolbert, Joshua White

SILVER BADGE: Luke Jakeman, Will Donovan, Phoebe Lapper, Seion Champkins, Presley Barnes, Ryan Butler, Millie Fitton-Alvarez, Travis Bowen

GOLD BADGE: Luke Jones

BOOK OF THEIR CHOICE FOR RECEIVING 120 CBGS: Isla Hart, Luke Alexander

SILVER STAR: Mason Sammons

GOLD STAR: Cat Campbell, Jessica Wigram

RAINBOW 10 M SWIMMING CERTIFICATE: Ella-Mae Foster

TREE NINJA CERTIFICATE: Izzy Barton

TAP DANCING TROPHY: Liberty Bennett

MODERN DANCE TROPHY: Ruby Kennedy

DANCE MEDALS: Ruby Kennedy

TAP DANCING CERTIFICATE: Ella-Mae Foster

GROVE RUGBY FESTIVAL MEDAL: Max Sayers, Joe Williams, Gabriel Townsend

MOST IMPROVED RUGBY PLAYER TROPHY: Gabriel Townsend

BUCKINGHAM RUGBY CLUB MEDAL: Amelia Button

THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE THEIR CERTIFICATES & BADGES IN ASSEMBLY TOMORROW:

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES: Angel Cook, Rachel Davies, Emilia Floate, Jakob Knaggs, Finn Sharman-Allen, Savanna Smith, Sophie Phillips, Amelia Williams, Callum Wood, Ismaeel Yaqoob, Gabe Gregory, Leo Thompson, Molly-Mae Parker, Courtenay Docherty, Toby Dickson-Smith, Ella Page

BRONZE BADGE: Thomas George Forrest

GOLD BADGE: Adam Jones, Toby Dickson-Smith

BRONZE STAR: Keeley-May Mates, Arabella Wojtulewski

SILVER STAR: Maia Shawyer

GOLD STAR: Scarlett Large

WARRINER PARTNERSHIP TRIATHLON WINNER CERTIFICATE: Ava Shawyer, Leanna Wratten, Hattie Bowen, Toby Clinkard, Travis Bowen, Kajus Ringys

WARRINER PARTNERSHIP TRIATHLON 3rd PLACE CERTIFICATE: Charlotte Ashburton-Dunning, Liberty Bennett, Eleanor Puddle, Martha Simons

WARRINER FAMILY PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY 2nd PLACE CERTIFICATE: Beatrice Labuda

WARRINER FAMILY PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY 3rd PLACE CERTIFICATE: Iris Murphy, Jordan Harper

FINALS OF NORTH OXFORDSHIRE PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY CERTIFICATE: Harrison Hill, Isaac Finlay, Charlie Johnstone, Jordan Harper, Joe Williams, Beatrice Labuda, Iris Murphy

NORTH OXFORDSHIRE TAG RUGBY TEAM WORK CERTIFICATE: Bella Munro, Joseph Hedley

NORTH OXFORDSHIRE PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY DETERMINATION CERTIFICATE: Reece Harvey, Verity Williams, Sofia Quaedvlieg, Joel Clinkard, Lewis Atherton, Lucy Belcher, Lewis Bestley, Lake Black, Harvey Brooks, Thomas Cox, Scarlett Daniels, Ieuan Davies, Finn Gibbs, Sadie Greatbatch, Jordan Harper, Gabriella Hart, Joshua Henderson, Ava Hughes, Charlie Humphreys, Beatrice Labuda, Max Sayers, Alissia Schulz, Samuel Smith, Rylee Smith-Jones, Fraser Talbot, Maisie Tarry, Annie Weller, Georgia White, Joshua White, Emily Wicksteed, Joseph Williams, Safa Ahmed, Eva Angel, Ravi Black, Oscar Bunn, Sunney Butcher, Isla Butt-Gow, Matthew Cowley, Noah Davies, Isaac Finlay, Poppy Fitton-Alvarez, Amber Fraser, Reuben Hearn, Harrison Hill, Harry Hunt, Charlie Johnstone, Ethan McCullough, Iris Murphy, Alana Potts, Daisy Raffill, Louisa Redford, Fearn Risbridger, Annabelle Simms, Thomas Smith, Sayal Suresh Kumar, Jack Teesdale, Gabriel Townsend, Orson Way, Caterina Williams

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL: Mr Ingall has kindly agreed for the Primary School to participate in the Christmas Shoebox appeal again this year.

The shoebox can be filled with toys, toiletries, wrapped sweets, pens, pencils, colouring books and paper etc. Each child will receive a leaflet with this letter which gives you more ideas. (No liquids, chocolate, war-related items and nothing of a political, religious or racial nature.)

Please wrap and fill your shoebox, use the special labels from the leaflet and close only with an elastic band as the contents of all shoeboxes have to be checked and sealed at the collection point before they can be transported across the world. If you are able to, please donate £3.00 towards transportation costs. It is also fun to share with another family and make up a box between you or just to donate a few items to somebody you know who is making up a shoebox.

THANK YOU if you and your family are able to support this Christmas project. The shoeboxes need to be brought into school no later than **FRIDAY 11th NOVEMBER**.

The 3 churches in the Benefice are all supporting Operation Christmas Child again this year.

Contacts are: Marlene Cowell, 12 Strawberry Hill, Bloxham. Tel. 720750 or email, marlene-terry@supanet.com
Bloxham Benefice office 9.30am -12.30pm Monday – Friday. Tel 720252 or email office@bloxhambenefice.co.uk

BAGS2SCHOOL: The bags2school are being sent home with your child today and will be collected on **Tuesday 15th before 9am.** Please send in your bags on Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th November 2016, not before please.

POPPIES: We will be supporting the poppy appeal again this year and will be selling poppies and various other items in school after the holiday. Further information will follow.

Please be reminded that we are in school tomorrow, Friday 21st October and return to school after the break on Monday 31st October.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M. Ingall
Headteacher