

BLOXHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

STAFF NEWS

Mrs Thompson has decided to leave at the end of this term. I know that it has not been an easy decision for her to make and that she has really enjoyed working with the children - and making a real difference to their lives. The Governing Body hopes to appoint a new Nurture Teaching Assistant to start in January.

MESSAGE FROM JOHN JACKSON, CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Along with this newsletter is attached an updated Parental Code of Conduct Policy that the Governing Body have recently approved and which I hope you will take a couple of minutes to read. Although some of it might seem obvious, it is helpful to be clear about the standards of behaviour that all members of the school community should expect from each other. Similar policies apply to staff and governors and, of course, children (which can be found on the school website). In particular I would like to draw your attention to the section on the appropriate use of social networking websites and apps. I hope that the aims of this policy are something we can all sign up to.

GENERAL NEWS

PARKING: An email has been received in school to raise concern about parents parking outside school. This is on the main road, in a 30 zone, but very close to an open country road that becomes 50/60mph.

There has also been a report of people leaving children in their car for approximately 20 mins whilst coming into school to collect other children and an incident was reported where someone had left their baby in the car and dogs wandering around in the car. The Police have been informed and will be monitoring as children alone in cars are at risk and therefore this is a safeguarding concern.

EASY FUNDRAISING: Please see the email that was sent home this week - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

You only need to login, set up an account and nominate Friends of Bloxham Primary School as their charity. It is really quite easy. Since it was set up it has raised £2384.00 but currently only has 73 supporters we surely can boost that number and raise money to spend on your children.

CHILDREN IN NEED: The school raised a massive £575.55 and the cake sale after school raised £101.00. Thank you to everyone for your support.

ANTI BULLYING DAY: On Wednesday 6th December the children are warmly invited to wear 'odd socks' or 'colourful tights' as an acknowledgement and celebration of our differences at Bloxham Primary School. There is no voluntary donation required for this day. The Anti Bullying ambassadors will be doing a special assembly that day to further illustrate our stance against bullying. Children have been and will continue to be part of lessons on this theme.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

Foundation Stage Nativity plays are: Thursday 7th December at 2.00pm and Friday 8th December at 9.30am and 2.00pm. **Please do not use the school car park for this event.**

Wednesday 13th December Middle Phase Nativity (Years 1-3) St Mary's Church at 10.am

Wednesday 13th December at 6pm there will be a Christmas Music Concert at St Mary's Church in Bloxham. This is a free event so there are no tickets. There will be a bar run by FOBPS and we will also be fundraising for Samantha Kyme. A letter with more information will follow next week.

Monday 18th December Upper Phase Christmas Celebration (Years 4-6) at St Mary's Church in Bloxham at 6pm.

Tuesday 19th December Whole School Carol Service at St Mary's Church Bloxham 10am

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL: We ask that children are not on the school premises before 8.40am and no later than 3.30pm as we cannot accept responsibility for children outside of these times.

WINTER WEATHER: As we have done in previous years, we will do all we can to ensure that school stays open in the event of bad weather, as long as it is safe to do so. If by any chance we are unable to open in a morning we will put a message on our school website, as well as informing local radio stations. If it is possible to do so we will also send a message via our text message service. A decision will be made by 7.30am at the absolute latest. If we do have to close during the school day for any reason (and that is very unusual) we will use all of the above methods of communication, including the text service.

BOOK FAIR: The book fair in school was very well received and thank you to everyone who bought books to support our school.

The winners of the 'reading in an interesting place' competition were: Oliver Begg, Evie Donovan, Edward Mills, Ella Gibbs, Jago Quinney, Joshua Johnson, Harry Kennedy,

Isaac Finlay, Alicia Walmsley, Amelia Button, Ruby Stead, Daisy Richardson, Sam Morris, Luke Oehlers, Lucy Kershaw

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 a Foundation Open Morning on Monday 8th January 9.30am – 11am. We look forward to seeing you.

FOBPS

HOLLYWOOD AND HOTDOGS: This is tomorrow night (Friday 1st). The children are very much looking forward to coming. Children need to be dropped off at their normal classroom door and to ensure their safety we request that children are picked up by an adult from their classroom at 6.15pm. As we have over 300 children attending the event collection will be busy. Please use the same routine as you do at the end of the school day.

Please do remember on this occasion there are no tickets available on the night so that Father Christmas knows exactly how many presents to deliver.

ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance w/c 13th November was 3SH with 99.7% and w/c 20th November was 4J with 99.3%. The overall attendance since our last newsletter was 95.66%.

CONGRATULATIONS

Book of your choice: Tyla Searle

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES: Kitty Matthews, Keira Stegall, Millicent Noble-Coles, Isla Pomroy, Ava Rose, Molly Sanderson, Louise Burns, Sophie Meadows, Joby England, Eve Risbridger, Soraya Coelho, Toby Dickson-Smith, Zachary Noad, Bella Hart, Lewis Bestley, Rylee Smith-Jones, Joe Williams, Thomas Rose, Alliyah Walsh, Abigail Ward, Joanna Young, Ella Warner, Charlie Stapleton, Joseph McInerney, Thomas Finlay, Lily Baldwin, Kajus Ringys, Hannah Mitchell, Brooklyn Manley, Phoebe Lapper, Ava Garner, Alfie Parish, William Hawarth, Max Katira, Beatrice Labuda, Alana Potts, Freja Williams

BRONZE BADGE: Luke Oehlers

SILVER BADGE: Grace Redhead, Iris Murphy

GOLD BADGE: Emily Freeman, Oliver Kershaw, Ryan Butler

BRONZE STAR: Trinny Beckham, Theo Hobday

SILVER STAR: Eve Risbridger, Joby England

GOLD STAR: Iris Jackson,

RED STAR: Ben Johnson, Abigail Ward, Martha Simons, Toby Dickson-Smith

SPORTS AWARDS

Primary Cross Country 2017 – 20th November 2017

1st Place Keira Stegall (already has certificate)

3rd Place Martha Simons

Runners Up Toby Clinkard, Joe Williams, Isaac Finlay, Finn Gibbs, Orson Way, Joseph Lailey, Jordan Harper, Dylan Blackhall

Participation Certificate: Jake Casewell, Ivy Coppin, Sofia Quaedvlieg, Liberty Bennett, Ruby Casewell, Martha Simons and Charlotte Carter

Self Belief Band: Charlotte Carter

Bloxham Swimming Gala

Self Belief Award: Ellis Talbot, Tom Sayers, Max Carter, Adam Duckett, Toby Dickson-Smith, Thomas Finlay, Ben Johnson, Charlie Stapleton, Amelia Mills, Grace Redhead, Isla Pomroy, Charlotte Carter, Iris Jackson, Leanna Wratten, Ella Warner, Lily Baldwin,

Primary Football 2017

Selected to represent the school: Grant Wolbert

Congratulations to Kelsey Newman for a Grade 7 Gymnastics Award, Seb Baldwin for a 15m swimming award, Liberty Bennett for a Gold award in Swimming, Amelia Martin for a Hockey Club Medal, Gabriel Townsend for a Rugby Best Team Player Trophy and Amelia Button for getting a Trophy for Player of the Match with Bloxham Rangers and a Rugby Trophy for Player of the week.

Book of Your Choice: Lucy Kershaw, Adwin Toney, Aleena Mahmood

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES: Scarlett Daniels, Ava Rose, Thomas Rose, William Haworth, Izzy Barton, Shannon Mates, Luke Oehlers, Noah Phillips, Molly Sanderson, Charlie Stoton, Dylan Bucknell, Toby Dickson-Smith, Courtenay Docherty, Raife Drake, Philip Buga, Anya Hart, Leanna Wratten, Marsela Katira, Zachary Noad, Eve Risbridger, Sam Rookyard, Adwin Toney, Tom Carter, Luke Alexander, Isaac Buckmeier, Hollie Stringer, Seion Champkins

BRONZE BADGE: Peter Dooley

GOLD BADGE: Dylan Blackhall

BRONZE STAR: Adam Duckett, Ella Page, Freya Drake, Sam Morris

GOLD STAR: Millicent Noble-Coles

SPORTS AWARDS:

The Warriner Family Primary Swimming Gala 2nd Place – Lily Baldwin, Leanna Wratten, Ella Warner, Iris Jackson

Year 1 Dance Festival – Spirit of the Games Passion: Lily Aspinal, Afeera Akhtar, Poppy Bennett

Congratulations to Freddie Belcher for a 25m swimming award, Tyler-James Whitrod for a 25m swimming award, Lucy Belcher for a 100m swimming award and Jessica Freeman for a Stage 3 Swimming Award. Also to Adam Mohammed for a fundraising medal and Max Pomroy for a 400m swimming award

SPORTS NEWS

Year 3-6 Cross Country

On Monday 20th November some children took part in the North Oxfordshire cross country finals.

Our Year 3-4 boys team were: Toby Clinkard, Luke Jakeman, Joe Williams, Joe Lailey, Orson Way, Jordan Harper, Finn Gibbs and Isaac Finlay. It was about 1km and everybody did very well. We all finished in the top 50 which means we have qualified for the county finals in Abingdon. By Finn Gibbs

Our individual runners were Jake Casewell, Sofia Quaedvlieg, Ivy Coppin, Liberty Bennett, Ruby Casewell, Keira Stegall, Charlotte Carter and Martha Simons. Well done to all of them for running with such determination in slippy and windy

conditions. Special congratulations to Charlotte, who was awarded the self belief band and to Keira, who finished in first place and has qualified for the County Finals next year.

Year 5-6 Swimming Galas

On Tuesday last week 16 children took part in the first ever level one (in-house) swimming gala at Bloxham Pool. Many thanks to Amanda and Lorraine for their time and help running this event.

All competitors were swimming as individuals with a fun relay at the end. Many thanks to all those who took part, demonstrating their best strokes. You were all amazing! Well done: Amelia Mills, Charlotte Carter, Grace Redhead, Isla Pomroy, Lily Baldwin, Ella Warner, Leanna Wratten, Iris Jackson, Max Carter, Ellis Talbot, Tom Sayers, Adam Duckett, Toby Dickson-Smith, Thomas Finlay, Ben Johnson and Charlie Stapleton. They have already received their Self-Belief certificate last Friday.

On Wednesday this week, some of the above children took part in the Warriner Partnership swimming gala at Sibford. Each child took part in two relay races and one individual race. The competition was extremely tough, but our boys finished in 4th place and the girls finished 2nd. Super swimming and congratulations to: Ben Johnson, Toby Dickson-Smith, Thomas Finlay, Charlie Stapleton, Lily Baldwin, Ella Warner, Iris Jackson and Leanna Wratten. The girls will receive their 2nd place certificates in assembly this Friday.

Year 1 Dance Festival

All of our Year One girls took part in a Dance festival at the Warriner on Tuesday.

Well done to all the girls for their listening skills and enthusiasm. They learnt three dance routines based upon the theme of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Congratulations to Lily Aspinall, Poppy Bennett and Afeera Akhtar for receiving a certificate for showing passion in their performance.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M. Ingall
Headteacher