

BLOXHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

GOVERNOR NEWS

Congratulations to Mrs Labuda who has been nominated to be the new Parent/Governor. I know that she is really looking forward to taking on this role.

GENERAL NEWS

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: I would like to congratulate all the children and staff for the wonderful Christmas celebrations this year. All three phases produced splendid nativities and Christmas services and our final more traditional carol service next week will be just as uplifting. We continue to be very grateful for the parents support for not only attending the performances but also in helping with the preparations to make them so successful.

COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS AND CARERS: We are always looking for ways to make communications to parents and carers more efficient and are from today trialling a new messaging service with a company called Teachers2parents.

The new system allows us to send out more text messages as reminders of events that are taking place in school, advising you of cancellations of clubs if necessary and contacting you if your child is absent from school and you have not called in to advise of the reason for their absence.

The system will save the office staff time and make communications more frequent and more personal as they allow us to add in your child's name where appropriate. The system works with, laptops, tablets, and smart phones.

With the new system we will still send the majority of communications home by email as we do now including the newsletter and trip letters, activities in school etc.

It is important that if these systems are to work that you update your mobile number or your email address if you change them, please let the main office know, as the new system works with our pupil data base – and if this is not up to date you will not receive messages. If you are not currently signed up for email communication please contact us as it is very easy to do so please contact us on 01295 720224 or by email: office.3064@bloxham-pri.oxon.sch.uk.

If you would like to let us know how the system is working from your perspective during the trial period we would be happy to hear your views, please contact Sandra Bletchly at: bursar.3064@bloxham-pri.oxon.sch.uk

DATE REMINDERS: School finishes on Friday 16th December and term begins for children on **Wednesday 4th January 2017.**

Christmas celebrations at Bloxham Church for Middle phase (years 1-3) is **Friday 9th December at 10.00am** and for Upper phase (years 4-6) is **Wednesday 14th December at 6.00pm.** There is also our traditional Carol Service on

Thursday 15th December at 10.00am. Parents are welcome to attend the service but please note it will be standing room only as all the children will be in church. On behalf of those people who live near the church and local businesses, can I please ask you to park considerately when we are using the church for our Christmas events.

STARTING SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2017: Parents of children born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 (inclusive) need to apply for a primary school place for their children. **The closing date for applications is 15th January 2017.** You can apply online at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

Any applications submitted after 15th January will be classed as a late application which may result in you not obtaining a place at a preferred school.

MEAL MANAGER is now open for ordering school meals from Fresh Start for the first week of term.

The deadline for this is **27th December 2016.** Please bear in mind Fresh Start will be closed for the Christmas period from 21st December 2016 to 3rd January 2017. Please ensure you place your order prior to 21st December in case of any support you may require.

ASSESSMENT MEETING: We would like to invite you to a meeting on **Tuesday 31st January at 6pm** on assessment. This will give you greater understanding about how well your child is learning in reading, writing and mathematics. I am sure that you will find the meeting really useful in ensuring that we develop that vital partnership between home and school to ensure high quality children's learning. The meeting is aimed specifically for adults so on this occasion it would be helpful if children did not attend.

SEX EDUCATION: For parents who were unable to attend our Sex Education meeting which was on 15th November, information can be found on our website <http://bloxhamprimary.co.uk/information/relationships-and-changing-me> which I hope you find useful.

HOME START VOLUNTEERING: Home Start are looking for volunteers who help and support other parents. They are running a Volunteer Preparation Course in January 2017. Contact 01295 266358 or email: info@home-startbanbury.org.uk for information.

ATTENDANCE

Since our last newsletter dated 24th November, our overall attendance has been 95.45% to date. The class with the best attendance last week was shared jointly between Mrs Akers' class (1A) and Ms Wellsbury's class with 99.3% and this week was Mr Owens' class (4O) with 98.4% and they were awarded our attendance Ted.

F.O.B.P.S NEWS

Thank you to everyone that came out to support our Festive Fayre. I hope you all had a lovely evening. We will be back in the New Year to bring you more events. Have a wonderful Christmas from all of FoBPS

CONGRATULATIONS

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES:- Ebony Guntrip, India-May Searle, Dillon Quaedvlieg, Jae Phipps, Heidi Phillips, Joel Mitchell, Olivia Johnstone, Edward Hart, Jessica Dowling, Catherine Campbell, Sophie Eustace, Scarlett Large, Jakob Knaggs, Harry Cartwright, Mia Perring, Izzy Barton, Oscar Togneri, Alfie Prestidge, Reuben Hearn, Orson Way, Harrison Hill, Amelia Martin, Freja Williams, Louisa Redford, Presley Barnes, Jabaz Smith, Isabella Wratten, Sophia Sollis, Kiran Sahonta, Jack Needell, Joseph Hedley, Roma Hayward-Stratton, Matthew Daenen, Tom White

SILVER BADGE: Annie Armstrong, Lucy Charles,

BRONZE STAR: Theo Mallock, Abigail Ward, Aiden Jakeman

GOLD STAR: Paige Atherton

RED STAR: Jakob Knaggs

DANCE FESTIVAL FOR SHOWING PASSION IN THEIR DANCE: Casey Mae Manifold, George Murrey-Huse, Isabella Cook-Carvell, Jayda Cowley

RAINBOW SWIMMING AWARD SCHEME: Emily Freeman achieved 100m, Kyle McLeod achieved 50m, Jessica Freeman achieved 15m, Lucy Belcher achieved 25m, Georgia White achieved 100m, Isla Pomroy achieved 100m and ASA stage 5 award.

BOOK OF THEIR CHOICE FOR RECEIVING 120 CBGS: Maddison Herbert, Charlie Stapleton.

THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE THEIR CERTIFICATES AND BADGES IN ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK:

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES:- Leanna Wratten, Aaron Gibbs, Freya Drake, Felix Moulin, Dillon Quaedvlieg, Isabella Munro, Shayde Gibbard, Ethan Thomas, Jessica Gaskell, Max Pomroy, Olivia Sopp, Rachel Davies, Olivia Hall, Ella-Mae Foster, Aleena Mahmood, Ella Page, Raife Drake.

GOLD BADGE: Layla Williams, George Earl

SILVER BADGE: Sam Rookyard

BRONZE STAR: Martha Simons

BOOK OF THEIR CHOICE FOR RECEIVING 120 CBGS: Chloe Reeves

PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY FINALS 2016: Congratulations to the following children on winning the Primary Cross Country Finals 2016: Harrison Hill, Jordan Harper, Finn Gibbs, Isaac Finlay, Orson Way, Joe Williams, Charlie Johnstone, Charlie Humphreys, Dillon Quaedvlieg. Congratulations to the following children who finished in 2nd place: Martha Simons, Scarlett Large, Olivia Johnstone, Iris Jackson, Amelia Williams, Bella Munro, Annie Armstrong, Abigail Ward, Charlotte Carter, Catherine Campbell, Mae Saunders, Grace Mattin, Ava Sawyer, Ruby Casewell, Otilie Hedley, Eleanor Puddle, Kitty Matthews.

DANCE FESTIVAL FOR SHOWING PASSION IN THEIR DANCE: Alana Pande, Reshe Sureshkumar, Tommy Smith-Jones, Holly Brightmore, Heidi Armstrong, Henry Lammond, Elliot Munro, Macy Way, Emily England, James Piddington, Adam Jones, Skye Guntrip, Ethan Thomas, Jesse Carter, Will Donovan, Presley Barnes, Katie Collier, Gabriel Gregory, Elise Scott.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAYLA WILLIAMS who passed her piano Prep Test with The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

CLUBS: All clubs will start again in the New Year, w/c 9th January 2017:

- Multi Skills – Bloxham School Dewey Centre
- Playbox – see letter dated 25.11.16 for term 3 and 4
- Bloxham School clubs – Art, Reading, Cookery & Mathmagicians
- Church club
- Choir
- Sports club
- Ukulele
- Orchestra – there is one space in orchestra club left for any child who plays a musical instrument.
- Gardening club

Please note that Arty Crafty club has finished for this academic year.

VISITING AUTHOR DAY: Our recent author visit was a huge success. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to him read extracts from his two published books & engage in a question & answer session. We set the children a challenge to create a 'wanted' poster for Rolo. We were delighted with the response. The author, Lawrence Prestidge had a rather tricky job selecting the winners! Eventually, he chose one winner from each year group. The winners were: James Rodd, Joshua Johnson, Samuel Smith, Kajus Ringys, Isabel Hunt, Molly Sanderson & Sophia Large. These children have been awarded a signed copy of his book.

He also selected some Runners Up, these were: Annie Armstrong, Maddison Herbert, Ed Hart, Scarlett Large, Joe Smith, Maia Shawyer, Martha Simons, Theo Hobday, Lottie Nicholls, Lily Baldwin, Ellis Talbot, Tom Sayers, Sam Morris, Elliot Munro, Florence Green, Olivia Sopp, Annabelle Simms, Thomas Johnson & Harry Murrey-Huse. Congratulations to everyone.

Mrs Piddington & the Literacy team.

I would like to thank you for all your support over the past year and wish you all a very happy Christmas and an enjoyable, peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M. Ingall
Headteacher