

BLOXHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

On behalf of all members of staff I'd like to thank you for the gifts, cards and good wishes for Christmas. I do hope you had a good Christmas and a peaceful New Year. No doubt 2018 will continue to be a year with Inspiring Young Minds.

STAFF NEWS

Jonny Stirrup has been offered a full time post working with Turn it On. I would like to thank him for all his hard work in various capacities during the last year or so and would like to wish him every success with this opportunity.

VACANCY LUNCH TIME ASSISTANT: We are looking for a lunchtime assistant to start as soon as possible, for 5 days per week in Foundation for 1 hour a day to cover the lunch period from 12.00 to 1.00. This is an ideal opportunity for anyone looking for a role in our friendly, nurturing community.

Experience of working in a school at lunchtime is desirable but not essential, training will be given. The grade for this position is Grade 1 point 6 £7.78 an hour on contract. The successful applicant will be required to complete a DBS check and safeguarding training.

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. Closing Date is 4pm on 12th January 2018.

GENERAL NEWS

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: Thank you to all the Parents, Carers and Friends of the School for supporting all our Christmas Performances and Services. These were an excellent end to the term.

BLOXHAM CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: We were very pleased to hear that we received Second Prize in the People's Choice Category at the Christmas Tree Festival.

YOUNG BIRDWATCHERS COURSE: A course is being held on Saturday 27th January 2018 – 10am-4pm at the Warriner School Farm in Bloxham for ages 9-12. The cost is £10 per child. For more information please contact Marie Jones: 01295 721471 or m.jones@warriner.oxon.sch.uk

SAFETY WARNING: Could we please remind parents that children are not to play on the field after school as we had an accident there just before the Christmas break.

SCHOOL TERM DATES: These are all listed on our website under the tab News/Events – Dates for Your Diary.

NEW PLAYGROUND MUSIC WALL: In our school playground we are currently creating a music wall. A wooden structure has already been built and we would like to fill it full of interesting instruments for the children to experiment with sound during their break times.

If you are having a clear out after Christmas and have any old or unwanted instruments you could donate to school, for example - drums/percussion, guitars (not necessarily in full working order) or any instrument that still makes a sound and is not needed, could you please bring them to the school office and we will be able to make good use of them.

FOUNDATION STAGE OPEN MORNINGS: On Monday 8th January 9.30am – 11am we have an Open Morning in Foundation for all those children scheduled to start in September 2018. We look forward to seeing you.

You can make your application to apply for your child's place at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/admissions-infant-and-primary-schools The deadline for applications is **Monday 15th January 2018**. We are aware that some people have had issues logging in – if you are experiencing any problems please do contact the school office.

WINTER WEATHER: In the event of bad weather, we will do all we can to ensure that school stays open 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES: Toby Dickson-Smith, Eve Risbridger, Emily England, Anya Hart, Gabriel Townsend

BRONZE BADGE: Branwyn Daniels

GOLD BADGE: Eliza Barton

SILVER STAR: Martha Floate

Cycle Training Certificate of Achievement – Level 2

Layla Williams, Macy Way, Ellis Talbot, Daisy Richardson, Sean Puddle, Sophie Phillips, Maxwell Carter.

Thank you to those Parents who gave up their time to help with the Cycle Training.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M. Ingall