

BLOXHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Collective Worship Value this term is **COURAGE**



Newsletter 9 - January 18th 2018

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Half Term: 12th-16th February 2018

Easter Holidays: 30th Mar-13th Apr 2018

SAVE THE DATE:

30th June 2018 Whole School production
Midsummer Nights Dream

CHANGE OF COLLECTION DETAILS

May we please remind you that if you make alternative arrangements for someone to collect your child from school who does not usually do so, then you must inform your child's class teacher, either directly or through the school office. The safety of every child at our school is paramount and we therefore need permission from you, to allow someone else to collect your child. There have been several occurrences recently when teachers have not been informed, which has then caused confusion at the end of the day. Thank you to those of you who already do so.

ATTENDANCE

A flyer has been sent home today (email copy attached) with all the information about children's attendance.

The classes with the best attendance w/c 1st January 2018 (2 days) were FIPR and 4J both with 100%.

For w/c 8th January 2018 it was 2O with 99.3%.

The attendance from the start of the School Year up until 17/01/18 was 96.2% which is just under our target for the year.

Thank you in advance for your help in ensuring that we increase this going forward.

FOBPS:

Happy New Year everyone. Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. Our first meeting of the year will be on Tuesday 30th January at 7.30pm at School.

If anyone has any ideas for new events or would like to get involved please come along, it would be great to have some new faces.

GENERAL NEWS

PFSU: Are looking for any unwanted scooters or ride on toys for the children to play with during break times - if you have anything could you please deliver it to the office.

CLUBS: We take our role of safeguarding the children seriously. To avoid unnecessary anxiety for children and staff could you please let us know if your child is unable to attend their After School Club.

MUSIC WALL: We are still looking for donations of old musical instruments to help make the music wall a success. Thank you to those who have already sent instruments.

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

TEACHERS TO PARENTS APP: There is a free app that you can download for the Teachers to Parents Messaging Service. For anyone that uses a smartphone it is a nice neat way to receive text notifications. The app is also a very useful tool which shows term dates and has a noticeboard.

TOYS FROM HOME: Can we please remind you that we do not encourage toys from home to be brought in as they can get lost/damaged especially during outdoor play.

PARENTING

ANOTHER TASTE FROM
"THE BOX OF DELIGHTS"

Presented by
Mothers UNION
Christian care for families
SCHOOL OF DISCIPLINE | 130TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

TUESDAY 6TH MARCH
7.30 – 9.00pm
(7pm for refreshments)
In the PARISH ROOMS
Behind the Museum

**FAMILIES ARE FUN
BUT WE HAVE TO WORK AT IT!**

Come and find some parenting support and encouragement.
with **Louise Butler** (Accredited MU Parenting Facilitator)
and **Rosalind Carlton** (Early Years Practitioner)
All parents welcome – Dads and Mums!

Please share this information with your friends and family

For more information and to book a place please contact Olwen Smith
Email smitholwen@btinternet.com or tel 01295 721709

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EASTER HOLIDAY PLAYScheme:

Dates: 3rd April-13th April 2018 .
Ages 4-11.

Cost £27 long day—8am-6pm—(including breakfast/light tea) children to bring in packed lunch

£20 short day—8.30-3.30pm — (Including breakfast) children to bring in packed lunch

See email sent home on 12/01/18 for more information or collect a form from the School Office

VACANCY LUNCH TIME ASSISTANT:

We are looking for a lunchtime assistant to start as soon as possible, for 5 days per week in Foundation to cover the lunch period from 11.45am to 1.00pm. 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 26th January 2018.

SAVE THE DATE AND BOOK YOUR BABYSITTER!

Bloxham Pre School are holding a Race Night on Friday 23rd February in the school hall. Tickets are £2.50 per person for an adult only evening.

Doors open at 7.30pm with racing starting at 8pm. Giving plenty of time to get your drinks from the bar and study your race card for the evening. Tickets will go on sale at the school gate after half term. If the date doesn't suit perhaps you would like to "Own a Horse" for £2.

If your horse wins the race on the night, a bottle of wine will be yours. Hope you can support this event.

CONGRATULATIONS

BOOK OF YOUR CHOICE: Oscar Togneri

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES: Eleanor Puddle, Luca King, Katie Collier, Amelia Button, Otilie Hedley, Isabelle Williams, Izzy Barton, Joby England, Mia Perring, Isla Pomroy, Molly Sanderson, Adwin Toney, Ruby Casewell, Toby Swan, Grace Redhead, Ben Johnson, Amelie De Lurowicz, Lily Baldwin, Tom Sayers, Rhianne Potts, Luke Jones, Ava Shawyer

BRONZE STAR: Alliyah Walsh, Soraya Coelho, Ryan Knaggs

SILVER STAR: Macy Way, Sean Puddle

GOLD STAR: Ella Warner

Congratulations to Holly Stringer who received a medal for the Big Friendly Read and Neve Searle who has achieved a Yellow Award in Gymnastics

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES: Kiara Sullivan, Beatrice Lammond, Reece Harvey, Amelia Guntrip, Jake Casewell, Jack Teesdale, Sadie Greatbach, Eva Angel, Orson Way, Harrison Hill, Emily Wicksteed, Lewis Atherton, Noah Davies, Oliver Zviedris, Abigail Ward, Maja Pamrocka, Ben Johnson, Jade Lee, Lucy Kershaw, Adam Duckett, Isaac Buckmeier, Luke Alexander, Lily Baldwin, Lottie De Lukowicz, Lucy Belcher, Georgia White, Edward Mills, Filip Lynes, Lilymae Howse, Florence Murphy, Leyton Boyes, Afeera Akhtar, Sebastian Harden, Tyler Hitchcox, Ella Gibbs, Sam Morris, Mae Saunders, Alfie-John Smith, Layla Williams, Mohammad Ashraf

SILVER BADGE: Amber Fraser, Matthew Cowley, Charlotte Ashburton-Dunning, Molly-Mae Parker, Alfie Brightmore, Maddie Dowling, Elena McCormack, Luke Oehlers, Trinny Beckham, Theo Hobday, Sam Rookyard

GOLD BADGE: Jesse Carter

BRONZE STAR Adwin Toney

SILVER STAR: Elouise Burns, Zachary Noad

GOLD STAR: Isla Hart, Tom Carter

RED STAR: Molly Sanderson

Congratulations to Seb Baldwin for receiving a Tennis Medal

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M. Ingall
Headteacher

Your Legal Responsibility

If your child does not attend school regularly (over 90%) the Local Authority can take action against you. This can be through a Fixed Penalty Notice (fine) or a summons to appear at Magistrates' Court.

What is a Fixed Penalty Notice?

The Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 introduced legislation for Local Authorities to issue Fixed Penalty Notice Fines to parents/carers of pupils who have unauthorised absences from school.

A Fixed Penalty Notice can be issued for two reasons:

- If a holiday is taken during term time.
- If a pupil has unauthorised absence from school and their parent/carer fails to co-operate with school staff and/or other professionals to improve the situation.

The Local Authority can decide whether to issue a summons to Magistrates' Court instead of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Please Remember

Contact the school by **9am every day if your child is absent from school.**

Holidays are not to be taken during term-time.

Children with minor illnesses should still be in school.

Non-urgent medical/dental appointments should be made outside of school hours. If this is not possible children should attend school both before and after their appointment.

Where possible, all appointments need to be accompanied by an appointment letter/card.

If your child recovers during the day they can still come to school.

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Attendance Matters

Because Every Day Counts

At Bloxham C of E Primary we are continually working with families to achieve a high level of attendance across the school aiming to always work towards 100%. We will regularly discuss your child's attendance with you.

Too Unwell to Attend School?

Children **can** attend school with minor illnesses such as:

- Toothache
- Headache
- Stomach ache
- Cold
- Sore throat

Over-the-counter medicines can be given before school. School will contact you if they become too unwell to remain in school. Children should be off school for 48 hours if they have diarrhoea or have been vomiting.

Attendance Policy

You can find our whole school attendance policy as agreed by the governors on the school website.

<http://bloxhamprimary.co.uk>

Reporting Absence

It is a parent/carer's responsibility to notify the school **each and every day** that their child is absent. This must be completed **by 9am**, with a reason provided.

Absence During Term Time

Children **must not** be absent from school for:

- Day trips
- Holidays
- Shopping
- Birthdays
- Babysitting
- Parent/carer or sibling illness

Unauthorised Leave in Term-Time

Children are NOT entitled to holidays in term-time. Family holidays should be taken during school holiday periods.

Fines of £60 per parent/carer per child, increasing to £120 payable within 28 days, may be issued where unauthorised leave has been taken during term-time.

Persistent Absence

Any child with attendance below 90%, regardless of the reason for the absence, is considered to be a persistent absentee. This equates to two days each month.

IS YOUR CHILD A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE?

Punctuality

It is important that your child attends school every day and is in class by 8:50am. Arriving late to school is unsettling for children and means that they miss the vital start to the day's learning.

Concerns

If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance please speak to their class teacher, nurture support staff or members of the school leadership team.