

## BLOXHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

### STAFF NEWS

**PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY:** There is currently a vacancy on the Governing Body for a Parent Governor. You will find along with this newsletter, a nomination form and a Governor Information sheet.

**LUNCHTIME ASSISTANT:** We are looking for a lunchtime assistant to start 20.2.17, for 5 days per week. Experience of working in a school at lunchtime is desirable. Grade for this position is Grade 1 point 6 £7.52 an hour on contract. The successful applicant will be required to complete a DBS check. Position is term time only. If you are interested please call into the main office for an application pack.

### GENERAL NEWS

#### Parent questionnaire on snacks and sweets

The Governing Body, together with Bloxham Pre-school and FOBPS, have been considering how best to raise the profile of healthy eating in school. We are interested in gathering your views on the sorts of snacks and sweets available at school events and would be grateful if you could take a little time to answer the attached questionnaire. We will use your answers to inform the decision on our policy, and let you know the outcome. Please return completed forms to the office by Friday 3 February.

Additionally, both the Governing Body and the Bloxham Pre-school Committee have come to the decision that they can no longer support the distribution of sweets by class teachers at the end of the school day to celebrate children's birthdays. From the beginning of next term - 20 February - teachers will no longer hand out sweets supplied by parents and so we politely request that they are not asked to do so.

John Jackson, Chair of Governors

#### BUTTERFLY MEADOWS CHILDREN'S CENTRE:

As you may know, Butterfly Meadow Children's Centre run by the Local Authority and based at our school will close on 28th February 2017. Whilst the people working in the Centre, Jennie Tyrrell, Julie Hill, Rosalind Carlton and the Manager Cheryl Huntbach are not employed by the school we have seen at first-hand the outstanding job they have all done supporting children and young families since the Centre opened in 2010. I would like to thank them for being such an amazing team and making a real difference to a number of parents and young children in our community. They have collectively and individually provided a lasting legacy.

There is some good news, albeit very limited. A bid written by Bloxham Parish Council, Butterfly Children's Centre and the Governing Body of Bloxham Primary School, with support from Councillor Mallon and ably assisted by

parents, to provide some services for young families from April 2017 initially for 3 years has been successful. We have also had additional support from both Adderbury and Milcombe Parish Councils in the recent weeks which has been very welcome. However the budget to provide this service will be approximately only 10% of the current allocation so the service will be very restricted and reduced from that currently on offer by Butterfly Meadows Children's Centre.

The new provision will come under the leadership of the Governing Body and they will be working on the detail over the coming weeks and as soon as it is confirmed will be shared with everyone.

**WINTER WEATHER:** As mentioned in our previous newsletter 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.

**ASSESSMENT MEETING:** As detailed in previous newsletters the date of the meeting for all years on assessment is Tuesday 31st January at 6pm. 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.

**EASTER PLAY SCHEME:** a quick reminder to all parents/carers; if you are interested in your children attending our Easter Play Scheme, please can you put your requests in by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, places are filling up quickly. Application forms are available from the main reception. Any queries please contact Jan Stirrup.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE TEAM** produce a newsletter each term which provides families and young people with useful tips and advice for keeping healthy. A link to their winter newsletter can be found on the school website.

### ATTENDANCE

Since our last newsletter dated 5<sup>th</sup> January, our overall attendance has been 95.87% to date.

The class with the best attendance for w/c 4<sup>th</sup> January was shared jointly between 1A and 2S with 100% and last week was shared jointly between 4O and 6N with 98.7% and they were awarded our attendance Ted.

## F.O.B.P.S NEWS

Our next event is the return of Hollywood and Hotdogs on Friday 10th March. We will be looking to show Trolls, more details to follow.

As ever we still need volunteers to help run events, we were very short handed at the Christmas Fayre and it nearly didn't go ahead. We cannot run these events without your support, so if you can spare a little time please get in contact with us on fobps@mail.com, thank you!

## CONGRATULATIONS

**ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES:-** Noah Phillips, Amelia Williams, Tom White, Isabella Wratten, Chloe Reeves, Maia Shawyer, Sophia Sollis, Ismaeel Yaqoob, Arabella Wojtulewski, Maddison Birt, Rylie Jakeman, Luke Jones, Alfie-John Smith, Henry Lammond, Grace Mattin, Barney Russell-Newman

**GOLD BADGE:** Ava Morris

**WADE GYMNASTICS CLUB:** Kitty Matthews has achieved the Bronze Award.

**BOOK OF THEIR CHOICE FOR RECEIVING 120 CBGS:** Kiran Sahonta, Travis Oliver, Angel Cook

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

**ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES:** Maddie Herbert, Annie Armstrong, Kirsty Boneham, Abbie Leonard, Joanna Young, Ben Johnson, Jessica Wigram, Anthony Pelekamoyo, Amelia Mills, Travis Bowen, Presley Barnes, Lily Sulaiman, Aiden Jakeman, Scarlett Large, Kiran Sahonta, Amelia Williams, Arabella Wojtulewski, Izzy Barton, Emily Blake, Courtenay Docherty, Ava Rose.

**BRONZE BADGE:** Sebastian Baldwin, Sofia Quaedvlieg, Lily Hill, Lily Mai Edgar-Francis, Roman Gregg

**BRONZE STAR:** Iris Jackson, Sophie Meadows

**SILVER STAR:** Lily Baldwin, Olivia Johnstone, Ismaeel Yaqoob

**GOLD STAR:** Sophia Large

**RED STAR:** Emilia Floate

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Yours sincerely,

Mr. M. Ingall  
Headteacher