

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the sunshine this week.

I hear that the Applefest event was a huge success and enjoyed by the community. There is an attachment at the end of this newsletter with more information about up-and-coming local events. Apologies for the unusually long newsletter but there is lots of information that we need to

We have had another busy week in school focusing on embedding our three new school rules.

We have been very impressed with how many children across the school have remembered these new rules and are showing all the adults in school that they understand them by always being kind, respectful and staying safe. We recognise that some children do need more reminders about how to follow the rules and we are supporting these children with this by providing clear guidelines and having high expectations.

Building Learning Power

“Building learning power is about helping young people to become better learners, both in school and out”

Guy Claxton

This year we are focusing on how we can create “building learning power” culture at Bloxham Primary School, through attitudes and habits in the classroom and the school more widely, in which learners (that’s all of us – adults included!) can face challenge and uncertainty calmly, confidently, and creatively. We will be focusing on BLP this year and sharing more information about this with you soon. So far classes have also been thinking about what we all need to do to be effective learners and we are encouraging the children to think about how the following learning behaviours can help them to improve and achieve success.

Being reflective – thinking about your own learning and asking questions about it – is this my best? What and how can I improve?

Being resourceful – using all the resources and tools we have around us to achieve the best outcomes

Being resilient – persevering and managing distractions

Being reciprocal – working collaboratively and responding to others’ ideas and feedback

Being responsible – taking responsibility as an independent learner

As a whole school we want to encourage each child to achieve their personal best by working hard each day, practising key skills, learning from mistakes, and taking ownership of their learning. We will be giving out certificates each week to those children in who have demonstrated they have followed our school rules and are being excellent learners. Attached is a building learning power poster for your information.

Thank you all for your support with promoting good attendance at school and for arriving promptly so that your children don’t miss the start of school. Please remember that if you are late for any reason you must arrive via the school office and complete the late registration form.

We are currently reviewing communication with parents and attached is a separate letter explaining some changes about how we want you to communicate with us. It is important that you feel you can approach us with any questions or concerns rather than waiting until these become an issue. The staff team are committed to working with you to ensure your child’s experience at school is the very best that it can be.

We have updated our Covid-19 risk assessment and contingency plan to ensure we are keeping the whole school community safe. Please take your child for a PCR test if they have any symptoms.

We will keep you informed about positive cases in year groups and classes so you can make an informed decision if your child has any symptoms.

We appreciate this can be tricky due to the normal coughs and colds that children are getting but would urge you to be cautious and help us to keep everyone safe and well.

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Staff News

Well done to Karen Williams who recently qualified as an HLTA. We know you worked hard to get this and thank you for all you do in school.

Meet the teacher

As we are unable to invite parents in to meet the teacher, each year group has put together a PowerPoint with all the information you will need. These have all been emailed out and will be added to the website.

Collective Worship

The children have started to have Collective Worship again in smaller groups and have commented on how much they have enjoyed coming together as a group, singing and sharing ideas. This term we are exploring the theme of Honesty.

Parents Evening

The teachers are looking forward to meeting you to share how your children have settled back into school and provide you with information about their strengths and areas they are working on to improve.

These will be held during the week of 18th October. The meetings will be on Teams. Emails with information about these have been sent today.

Dogs on School Grounds

Polite reminder that no dogs are permitted on the school grounds. This is an Oxfordshire County Council Policy that we must adhere to.

Main Path

We want everyone to be aware that the path beyond the gate where there are still slabs is uneven and we would advise you to take care when coming up the main path. The slabs have lifted over time due to the tree roots coming through. We have put up signs to remind everyone to be careful.

We are hoping to have this last slabbed area tarmacked in the October half term. In the meantime, please take care when walking up the path into school. Thank you.

Nut Free School

Please remember we are a nut free school. Thank you for your support to ensure we keep nut free.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

Parents and carers of Year 6 children can now apply for transfer to Year 7. Applications to be submitted online at: <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions>

The deadline for receipt of completed applications is **31 October 2021**.

Lunchtime Assistant Vacancy

Bloxham Primary School are looking for a lunchtime assistant to start as soon as possible, 5 days per week for 1 hour a day to cover the lunch period. Experience of working in a school at lunchtime is desirable.

Grade for this position is Grade 1 point 1 £9.25 an hour on contract.

Successful applicants will be required to complete a DBS check, safeguarding training and demonstrate that they understand the school's duty of care and commitment to safeguard all children. The position is term time only.

Foundation Stage

Well done to all the Foundation Stage children who in Term 6 of the last academic year managed to raise a whopping £1900 in our fortnight of sponsored bike rides.

The children raced around our track and together with Pre-School raised an incredible total which is being spent on new learning resources for our PFSU garden.

Sickness

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>

Here is the link to the NHS guidance on sickness and diarrhoea. Please support us to keep our school community well by keeping your child at home for the recommended time if they have had any of these symptoms. Thank you.

Healthy Eating

As a school we are continuing to promote healthy eating and lifestyle choices. For this reason we do not give out sweets in classes to celebrate special events. Thank you for your support.

Mobile Phones

Please can all parents and visitors to the school site refrain from using their mobile phone unless it is urgent. It is particularly important that no visitor to the site is on a video call as this is a breach of our safeguarding policy.

All Year 6 children that bring mobile phones to school will be reminded this week to hand their mobile phones in when they arrive at school and not to switch them on until they have left the school site. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Pupil Parliament

Congratulations to our brand-new *Pupil Parliament* who have been voted for anonymously this week. The "BPSPP" (new name needed!) will be meeting regularly to promote all pupils' voices, to plan exciting activities and to work on wider initiatives. We need your children's ideas to help us constantly improve as a school and to ensure that we make a difference in our world. Watch this space for more information and please do talk to your children about what exciting ideas they might bring to their class representatives.

Congratulations to Sadie W, Izea E-B, Troy E, Tommy M-C, Amy A, Aubreigh G, Ayla C, Theo C, Oliver M, Oliver R, Verity W, Ivy C, Isabelle H-M and Hector T

Cherry Tree Centre

The Cherry Tree Centre is now open again. Drop in for children under 5 and their families to experience creative and learning activities:

Monday & Wednesday
9.30-11.00am – term time only
www.bloxhamprimary.co.uk/cherry-tree-centre

FoBPS

Save the date: FoBPS Fireworks 19th November

Xmas for Schools – the paperwork and information for the popular design your own Christmas card and Christmas items will come home to parents in early October with a deadline of Monday 1st November to complete and return to school.

We are looking to purchase a card reader for contactless payments at future fundraising events. With funds being limited, before we do so, are there any parents with contacts in this area that would be able to assist us?

Save the date. 6th October – FoBPS AGM

Term Dates

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| October half term | 25 th -29 th October |
| Christmas holiday | 20 th December – 3 rd January |
| Inset Day | 4 th January |
| February half term | 21 st -25 th February |
| Easter holiday | 11 th -22 nd April |
| May half term | 30 th May – 3 rd June |
| Inset day | 6 th June |
| School Year ends | 20 th July |

Site Safety

To keep everyone safe whilst on the school site can we respectfully ask that you do not drive onto the school site between 8.30am-3.30pm. If you need to access the site for any reason, please speak to the school office.

Following some recent site safety monitoring we have noticed that some children are not walking out of school with the adults that have been sent to collect them and are running down the path unsupervised. Once your child has been released by their class teacher, please ensure that you supervise them whilst leaving the school site. Thank you for your cooperation with these matters. We want everyone to stay safe.

Harvest Festival

We are very excited that we are going to have a Harvest Festival this year. The children have already started practising songs and are very excited.

We are really excited to perform for you again. It's been so long since we have been able to sing and as we are an amazing singing school, a performance is long overdue.

This year the whole school will be singing two songs. One about making bread. 'Do the Dough' is a lively fun action song which the children already sing with gusto as well as the beautiful number 'Fields of Gold' which is very moving and soulful. Look out for our amazing soloist.

Our fabulous award winning school choir have also started rehearsing again and we would like to sing you two songs in our Harvest Service. Firstly 'The Singing vegetables'; look out for some of our staff in fancy dress in this track. And secondly 'Seeds of friendship'; a beautiful song about sowing the seeds of kindness and love.

The children will go to Church on Thursday 21st October at 10am for the service. We are sorry that we are unable to invite parents to Church but are planning to live stream this event. Details to follow.

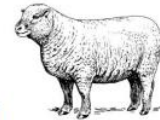
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Open Farm and

Vintage Ploughing Match 2021



Saturday 2nd Oct
Farm open 10 – 3
Ploughing 10 – 2



Warriner School Farm
Bloxham
OX15 4LJ

Free entry, donations welcome

BBQ, tea and cakes, tractor and trailer rides cows, goats, sheep, pigs, donkeys, poultry

Please bring your own refillable water bottle as we will not be selling plastic bottled water

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

18-26 SEPTEMBER 2021

**A WEEK OF EVENTS IN
BLOXHAM CELEBRATING
ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

18/9 AppleFest *The Elephant & Castle Garden, 3-6pm*

Biodiversity Bloxham stall. Seed, veg & plant swap. Calculate your eco footprint. Children's activities. EcoChurch display. WI stall @ The Red Lion

19/9 Climate Sunday Service *St Mary's Church, 9:30am*

Cafe Church service with all-age eco-activity

20/9 Wood Chipping *Warriner School Farm, 4pm*

Shred your garden waste and create your own wood chip for your garden

21/9 Wildflower Work Party *Bloxham, 3:30pm*

Help prepare the 3 wildflower patches for Spring '22. All ages

21/9 Stepping Towards EcoChurch *St Mary's Church, 2:30pm*

Talk organised by Mothers' Union. All welcome

22/9 From Meadow to Mill Walk *Meet Bloxham Primary School, 2pm*

Walk around Bloxham visiting Woodlands meadow, churchyard and Bloxham Mill. Followed by:

22/9 Bloxham Mill Tour *Bloxham Mill, 3:15pm*

A tour of Bloxham Mill showcasing their green initiatives. Refreshments provided by Bloxham Mill

23/9 Flower Arranging Demonstration *St Mary's Church, 11am*

Melissa Dinwiddy of www.whispersandsnippets.com using sustainable techniques and locally sourced flowers

23/9 Wood Chipping 2 *Warriner School Farm, 4pm*

24/9 Green Community Market *Ex-Servicemen's Hall, 10am*

Stalls with local food and green products. Refreshments by the WI

24/9 Film Screening *Ex-Servicemen's Hall, 6:30pm*

'Symphony of The Soil' (tbc). Refreshments available

25/9 Great Big Green Community Forum *Ex-Servicemen's Hall, 11-8pm*

Bring and Share lunch and networking. Bring your ideas for making Bloxham greener and more sustainable. Children's activities

Climate Justice Display & Traidcraft Stall *All week @ St Mary's Church*
Boys' Brigade Litter Pick

Further details and contact:

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On Monday 4th October, Stage One of the AJ Bell Women's Tour is taking place in North Oxfordshire. Following the Grand Depart from Bicester Market Square at 11am, 100 elite female riders will embark on a 140km route around Oxfordshire that culminates at Banbury Cross.

The road will close approximately 15 minutes before the riders are due, and there will be a convoy of police escorts, television crews, support vehicles and obviously the riders themselves .

Please see the timetable below and follow this link for more information

<https://www.womenstour.co.uk/stages/stage-1/>. Obviously given the nature of the event its not easy to predict when riders will reach a certain point, particularly during the latter stages when weather and road conditions may have impacted the race and the speed of the riders, so please be mindful of this when planning your support.

2:30pm Bloxham - A361/High Street/Church Street

| Approx. Time | Location | Schools in Area | |
|---------------------|----------|--|--|
| RACE START | 11:00am | Bicester - Market Square | All Bicester Schools welcome |
| | | Bicester - Buckingham Road > Churchill Road > Launton Road | Bicester School, St Mary's, Brookside, Bure Park, Southwold, Cooper School, Glory Farm, Bardwell, Longfields |
| | | Bicester - London Road | Langford Village |
| | 11:15am | Ambroseden - Ploughley Road > Merton Road | Five Acres |
| | 11:27am | Charlton-on-Otmoor - Otmoor View > Middle Street | Charlton-on-Otmoor |
| | 11:33am | Islip - Middle Street > Wheatley Road | Dr South's |
| | 11:37am | Woodeaton | Woodeaton Manor |
| | 1:16pm | A4260/Oxford Road | Dr Radcliffe's |
| | 1:26pm | Deddington - High Street > Hempton Road | Deddington |
| QOM 2 Finish | 2:02pm | Sibford Ferris - Hook Norton Road > Main Street | Sibford School, Sibford Gower |
| | 2:19pm | Banbury - B4025/Broughton Road Roundabout | Queensway, Frankwise, St Joseph's, Orchard Fields |
| | 2:21pm | Banbury - Banbury Cross > South Bar > Bloxham Road | St Mary's, Harriers Banbury Academy |
| | 2:22pm | Banbury - A361/Bloxham Road | Queensway, Wykham Park, Blessed George Napier |
| | 2:28pm | Bloxham - A361 | Warriner |
| SPRINT 2 | 2:30pm | Bloxham - A361/High Street/Church Street | Bloxham |
| QOM 3 Finish | 2:48pm | Sibford Ferris - Hook Norton Road > Main Street | Sibford School, Sibford Gower |
| | 3:06pm | Banbury - B4025/Broughton Road Roundabout | Queensway, Frankwise, St Joseph's, Orchard Fields |
| RACE FINISH | 3:08pm | Banbury - Banbury Cross > South Bar | All Banbury Schools welcome |



AJ Bell Women's Tour

Stage One – Monday 4th October

Bicester to Banbury

Timetable for Schools on Route



Please support the riders as they pass your school, this is a wonderful opportunity for young people to experience elite sport on their doorstep!

Full route map, times and detail available at <https://www.womenstour.co.uk/stages/stage-1/>

Roads will be closed approximately 15 minutes before the riders are due.

During the early part of the race, riders could be 5-10 minutes faster/slower than the suggested approximate time

During the middle part of the race, riders could be 10-15 minutes faster/slower than the suggested approximate time

During the final part of the race, riders could be 15-25 minutes faster/slower than the suggested approximate time