



# Bloxham C of E Primary School

Newsletter 10 - December 17<sup>th</sup> 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday we held our Christmas Celebrations in the playground. Although we were unable to have you there in person the children did appreciate knowing that many of you were watching this at home. Thank you to those parents who provided positive feedback about the wonderful singing. We passed your messages on to the children. We do appreciate that live streaming is less than ideal and were sorry to hear that some of you had some technical challenges with this. Our main focus was to give the children the opportunity to come together and have a shared celebration. We are very grateful to Ms Coles for working so hard with the children following and absence due to Covid. She ensured all the children knew the songs and the words and yesterday the show was magical, and a joy to be part of. The children sang their hearts out and the behavior was impeccable. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere and the buzz. I don't think our children will ever forget being part of this wonderful Christmas event and it was fantastic to see the smiles on all the children's faces.

The children across the school from Year 1-6, have been busy working hard in class and completed assessments last week. We are very proud of how the children have responded to working independently and staying focussed to complete these. The children will complete these three times a year. These assessments help the children to become resilient independent learners who are confident to show what they have learnt and can remember. The teachers will use these assessments to identify areas which need to be worked on in the coming term.

Last week the Year 6 children completed practise SATs papers and have been assessing the progress they have made since September. It has been very pleasing to talk with the children about the progress they have made and how they have achieved success. Very well-done Year 6!

Thank you to all those parents who are supporting your children at home with reading, we have noticed what a difference this is making to the children's progress. In January we will share a revised home learning policy with you which will provide some simple guidelines for supporting your child at home with their learning. This will focus on purposeful practise to support children to retain key concepts and facts.

## Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about any child's safeguarding during this time, please contact the out of hours number for the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (otherwise known as the M.A.S.H.) – 0345 050 7666.

## Parent and Pupil's Views

Thank you for your extremely useful feedback on the Parent Survey. This will be analysed and shared with school leaders and governors. We will write to you in January to summarise the findings and tell you how we are planning to respond to your feedback. Thank you for taking the time to complete this.

## Covid-19 Update

We are very pleased to report that we have had no confirmed Covid cases in school this week.

## Santa Fun Run

This was held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June. The children all had great fun and we raised £585.62 Katharine House Hospice. Thank you to everyone for their donations.

## Non Uniform Day and Cake Sale

Thank you for all the cake donations last week. The total we raised from the cake sale and the non-uniform days was an incredible £703.81 for Children in Need.

## Fundraising

Well done to Isabella in year 4 who raised money for Dogs for Good by having a sale and to Henry-James in Year 1 who got extra sponsorship for the Santa Fun Run.

## Attendance

Attached are some facts about attendance in school. We will be announcing some new initiatives in January to promote good attendance across the school. We do recognise that COVID and illness has had an impact, but the attendance of some children is a concern, and I am committed to working with the staff and Governors to improve this.

## Year 4 Trip to Church

We went to visit the Church, we saw characters from the nativity like the Wise Men, Shepherds and Jesus as well as seeing the outside nativity setup. We met the Vicar, Dale and he let us explore and hunt for the Nativity characters inside the Church. Then we saw the prayer mats.  
*Ben, Samuel and Ed – Year 4*

## Times Tables Rockstars

Well done to all those children playing Times Tables Rockstars. There are 6 certificates being awarded for the last 2 weeks. Caitlin, Ben, Primrose – highest accuracy and Dylan, Dudley and Ewan for most improvement in accuracy. Certificates will be put on display and given to the children. Keep practicing over the holidays and we will award more certificates in January. We can really see the difference that regular practice is having on accuracy, knowledge and speed.



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The staff at Bloxham Primary School wish you and your families a happy and healthy Christmas.