

Bloxham C of E Primary School



Newsletter 3 – October 12th 2021



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Staff News

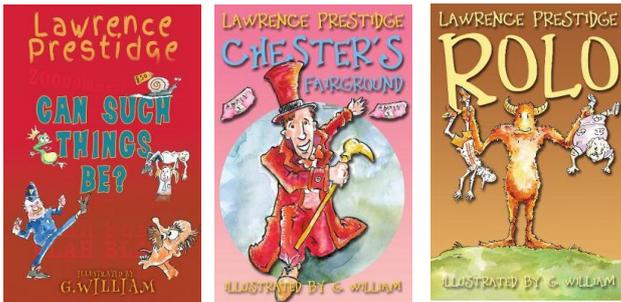
Mrs Atkins will be leaving our school at October half term. She has worked at Bloxham Primary School for over 20 years. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication over this time and wish her every success for the future.

Congratulations to Miss Drury who is expecting her first child in February. We will keep you updated about the plans to cover Miss Drury's maternity leave.

Congratulations to Mr Singleton who has recently become a father to a baby daughter.

Author Visit

On Friday we will be welcoming local author Lawrence Prestidge into school to deliver two assemblies. Here are some of the books that Lawrence has written:



Lawrence was inspired to become a writer because he wanted more children to enjoy reading.

'I started writing as I have a life-long passion to encourage children to read more and want as many of them to become confident readers from an early age.'

One of our whole school development priorities this year is to promote a love of reading and ensure that all of our children have excellent reading skills. We are updating our library and book areas in each class to ensure that we are encouraging children to read high quality texts. Lawrence will be signing books at the end of the school day. Please see attached letter for further information. <http://www.lawrenceprestidge.com/>

Foundation Stage Open Afternoons

We are holding two open afternoons for children due to start school in September 2022. These are on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th November between 3.30-5pm in the Foundation Stage Building. There will be a short tour and an opportunity to ask any questions. No need to book a slot but we will encourage social distancing if the area becomes crowded.

Pupil Parliament Assemblies

Thank you to the new Pupil Parliament for their wonderful work on writing and delivering a very thought-provoking assembly on World Mental Health Day. The children shared their ideas and thoughts about what each of us can do to help ourselves and each other. They delivered the assembly confidently and with great enthusiasm. The whole school enjoyed listening to this and were set several challenges to do in the school day. One was to smile at a friend, and another was to say something positive to a member of staff. We look forward to the next piece of work that the Parliament undertake.

Sports Activators

Cherwell District Council and North Oxfordshire School Partnership, by working closely together, are increasing the amount of FREE high-quality physical activity opportunities available for primary school children in academic year 2021/22.

The opportunities will be a mixture of old classics such as the Youth Activator lunchtime sessions through to new opportunities such as cycling. Each programme will last six weeks. We started a six-week programme today. This will happen each week for one hour at lunchtime, followed by an hour session working with a class/year group.

Children will be encouraged to achieve their recommended daily physical activity targets, but also be introduced to new games they may not have tried before but may come to love. We will get the children to feedback to the whole school about what they have enjoyed and learnt.

Lunchtime Assistant

We are still hoping to appoint a lunchtime assistant and are advertising the post again. If you are interested then please do apply.

If you wish to apply please contact Sandra Bletchly bursar.3064@bloxham-pri.oxon.sch.uk for the application form and job description.

Year 6

The deadline for applying for a secondary school place is 31st October.

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions>

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Sporting events outside the school with our Warriner Partnership have finally returned. On Thursday 23rd September we took three netball teams from Y6 to compete against three other schools in our partnership. The children were all excited to be practising their netball skills and to just be part of a team. Each team won some matches and lost some, but most importantly they enjoyed themselves and demonstrated the sports values of teamwork, respect and determination. Well done Y6 netball teams!

Last Tuesday 5th October, it was the turn of the Y4 girls to represent the school with their football skills. We had two teams, Bloxham Athletic and Bloxham United and it was amazing to see how their skills developed throughout the afternoon. Some fantastic goals and saves with a lot of wins and a few defeats. The girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves (the free cookies provided by Sibford helped too). Thank you to any parents who came to support.

This week we have the Y4 boys football festival and Y6 Tag Rugby.

Sports Achievement

Congratulations to Grace in Year 6 who has recently become the under 12 County Badminton Champion for Oxfordshire. Grace said she had to play a number of matches. She was nervous to start with but soon became confident. Grace has offered to give some top tips to children and staff in school who would like to improve their Badminton skills.

Sports Certificates

Netball: Isabelle, Beatrice, Amy, Jacob, Thomas R, Harry, Sadie, Grace, Verity, Thomas J, Harris, Sofia, Grace, Hector, Merryl, Chloe S, Alfie B, Alfie C, Liam, Isabella, Jessica F, Elena

Football: Dora, Lily-Rose, Poppy B, Poppy S, Leah, Evie, Anya, Ava, Bella, Emily, Elleah, Eve, Lily O, Jess, Amy, Isabella, Alyssia, Daisy, Madison

Achievement Certificates

Year 3: Louie, Caleb, Ellie-Mae, Archie

Year 4: Ella, Reggie, Sienna

Year 5: Aisha, Henry, Gabrielle, George, Tom, Ayla, Alice, Tyler, Jasper, Theo, Toby, Oscar, Becca, Archie

Year 6: Isabella, Joshua, Logan

Bronze Badge: Mattia

Silver Badge: Tyrone, Archie, Reece, Jenna, Kacper, Lilly

Gold Badge: Hamish, Connor

Xmas for Schools

The paperwork and information for the popular design your own Christmas cards and Christmas items will be coming home this week. The deadline to return this to school is Monday 1st November.

Fireworks

The fireworks spectacular night returns this year on Friday 19th November. Tickets will be available from the school gate nearer the time.

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FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER - GATES OPEN 5.30PM

Support this fabulous school fundraiser, bring your friends and your family.

BBQ BAR RAFFLE

Advanced ticket price £1 for adults, £3 for children (on the gate £5 for adults, £1 for children), Children under 3 GO FREE

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FoBPS

AGM – Wednesday 20th October 7.30-9.00pm – School Hall – all welcome.

FoBPS (Friends of Bloxham Primary School) is our PTA (Parent Teacher Association). It's critical to the functioning of our school, fundraising to provide essential resources for teachers so that our children get the best quality education.

Do you have the skills and / or time to get involved at any level? From running the barbeque at our annual fireworks extravaganza, selling tickets to our events, to committing to a role within the committee itself. Our AGM is on Wednesday 20th October at 7.30pm, at this get together we'll need to appoint for the main roles needed to run FoBPS, chair, secretary, and treasurer. If you are interested in any of these positions get in touch. No previous experience is necessary, just be willing to roll up your sleeves and get stuck in.

We have a few meetings a year and everyone is welcome, you don't have to be on the committee, the more the merrier. To get the most out of FoBPS we need to generate fundraising ideas, execute the plans, and reap the benefits. It's rewarding and fun to be part of it.

Our email address is fobps@mail.com, if you'd like to chat through any of the roles, ask any questions or just say hi, we're here.

Thank you to everyone who has helped at any of our events in the past, and we're really looking forward to welcoming more people to the team.

<https://www.pta.co.uk/running-a-pta/managing-a-pta/pta-committee-roles-and-responsibilities/?fbclid=IwAR3kHWXXoz6Fr26YvKjGpvDeUpvJK58F5WrxkmeKjYpBzzeBdPq0xlBn43k>

Harvest Festival

This is the link for the live stream of the Harvest Festival Service on the 21st October at 10am.

[Meeting | Microsoft Teams](#)

Pupil Parliament have decided that this year we will be collection donations for the Banbury Young Homeless Project. They would be grateful for any of the following items which can be brought to your child's class. These will then be taken by Pupil Parliament to BYHP soon after our Harvest Festival Service.

Food items:

- Cereal, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Tinned tomatoes/Pasta sauce, Lentils, Beans and Pulses
- Tinned meat, Tinned vegetables, Tea/coffee, Tinned fruit, Biscuits, UHT milk, Fruit juice

Non-food donations:

Toiletries

- Deodorant, Toilet paper, Shower gel, Shaving gel, Shampoo
- Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Hand wipes

Household items

- Laundry liquid detergent, Laundry powder, Washing up liquid

Baby supplies

- Nappies, Baby wipes, Baby food