



### Value – Honesty

#### Arrangements for coming into school starting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November we are changing the arrival routines at school for everyone.

Both gates will open at 8:45am and you will be able to access school from either gate depending on which classroom you are delivering your child to. We will not be operating the one-way system. At 8:45am children will be able to enter their classrooms and begin their learning. We are changing this to ensure a smooth calm start to each day and to maximise learning time. In addition, with the change in weather, it enables you to drop your children at school and depart quickly, rather than having to wait for classrooms to open. Both gates will be locked at 8.55am prompt.

At the end of the day, the finish times will be 3.10pm for Foundation and 3.15pm for everyone else. Teachers will hold onto children who are waiting for parents to collect other children. This is usually only 1 or 2 minutes. Both gates will be open at 3.10pm and be locked at 3.20pm.

#### Foundation Stage Open Afternoons

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

#### Home Learning

Thank you to all the parents who are supporting their children by reading at home. It really does make an enormous difference.

#### Times Table Rockstars

Well done to all those logging on and having a go at Times Table Rockstars at home. It has been great to see an increase in the number of questions being answered correctly by children!

If you have any questions about Times Table Rockstars hopefully they will be answered by the parent guide attached.

#### Update on Behaviour for Learning and Standards

Following some recent internal monitoring we are pleased to report that the children are happy, settled and really enjoying their learning.

Behaviour for learning is good across the school; children are focused on their learning, engaged, and motivated to do their best. Standards in books have been reviewed and show that children across the school take a pride in their learning and can talk about how they have improved their work. Handwriting lessons are having a positive impact and books show that the staff have high expectations.

Children are working hard and being challenged. We are very proud of the way children have settled into routines and their positive attitude towards school. Thank you for your support in sending your children to school ready to learn and do their best. Your input makes a big difference.

#### PE Kit

I appreciate that some of you have probably read the title of this section and have let out an enormous sigh! We are making a change to expectations about PE Kit for after half term, mainly due to the change in weather, so please bear with us. We have your children's well-being at the heart of these changes.

Reception-Year 4: these children will be expected to bring their PE Kit in on a Monday and leave it in school to change for PE. It can be taken home on a Friday unless we have very wet weather.

Years 5 and 6: as we have insufficient changing spaces in school, we are allowing this group of children to arrive in school in their kit and if they wish, stay in it for the day. It is recommended to have their uniform to change into should the weather be particularly bad, Individuals can then change in the toilet if necessary.

#### Flu Vaccination

New date for nasal flu vaccination is 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021



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#### Sports News

Last Tuesday, it was the turn of the Y4 boys to take part in the Warriner Partnership Football Festival at Sibford School. Just being out of school and on a bus somewhere was exciting! Both of our teams represented the school so well. They won some matches, lost some and drew some, but more importantly they had fun and enjoyed the experience of being part of a team. Well done Y4 boys!

Last Thursday was a terrific afternoon of Tag Rugby. We took three teams of boys and girls to the Warriner Partnership event and needless to say they were very excited! I spoke to the children before about it being a team event and making sure everyone is involved in the game and they did not disappoint. They worked well together, allowing other team mates to have an equal chance at scoring the try, defending and passing well and working well together as a team. Each of our teams won every game that we played against another school, an amazing standard of Tag Rugby. Well done Year 6!

After half term we will hold our first ever Intra School Cross Country event. Children have already been selected according to their willingness and performance in PE. This event will then help us select fairly for the Partnership event at Sibford the following week. In the same week some of our girls in Y5/6 will be playing our first football fixture against William Morris School. This event will be run by our Oxford United staff that we currently have in the school. Good luck girls!

On the Wednesday of the first week 8, Y6 children will be representing our school in the partnership Swimming Gala at Sibford. Thank you to all the children who took part in the trials for this. I appreciate your time and efforts. Thanks also to Mrs Bennett for helping out!

#### Achievements

Year 6: Liam, George, Ivy, Joel, Lacey, Beatrice, Emmie

Year 5: Oscar, Ellis, James, Adam, Lily, Aaliyah

Year 4: Madison, Ronnie, Edward

Year 3: Archie, Dylan

Bronze Badge: Caitlin

Silver Badge: Reese

Gold Badge: Oliver, Malachi

Book of Choice: Seb

#### Pupil Progress Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who attended Pupil Progress Meetings last week. Teachers welcome and value the opportunity to talk to you about how your child is getting on at school, about their progress and areas of the curriculum that we are focusing on to support them. If you have not made an appointment yet or have been unable to attend, please get in touch with your child's class teacher. In some cases, your child's class teacher may have already been in touch.

#### Harvest Festival

Today, we held our Harvest celebration outside. Despite being blustery, it was a lovely occasion, singing beneath a bright blue sky and autumnal sunshine. The occasion was made even more special by the incredible amount of donations you so kindly sent into school. We fully recognise that many of you have experienced some difficult times since the start of Covid-19 yet your generosity to our wider community has been wonderful. Even the Banbury Food Bank volunteer who came to collect your donations was overwhelmed by how much there was.

Quite simply . . . thank you.



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### Governors

We are really pleased to be able to welcome our Governors back into school. Here is some feedback from a recent visit.

I just wanted to say thank you for organising my visit last week.

Having not previously been able to visit due to COVID it was really great to finally see the school and hear about the experiences that children are benefitting from.

The two year sixes who showed me round were brilliant and I was really impressed by how articulate they were in describing what pupils learn throughout the school.

### Bloxham School Note

Just to let you know, we were delighted to welcome six Year 5 children from Bloxham Primary School on Saturday morning to our Creative Writing Workshop. They behaved beautifully and contributed very well indeed.

### Fireworks

The fireworks spectacular night returns this year on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets will be available every morning and afternoon at the back of the playground near the multicoloured wall.



On behalf of the Bloxham Staff Team, we want to wish you and your families a very safe and happy half term break.