

BLOXHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Collective Worship Value this term is RESPECT



Newsletter 5 - 30th November 2018

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STAFF NEWS

Stephanie Herbert will be leaving our school at the end of this term, to take up a new role at a school in Banbury. I would like to thank Stephanie for all her wonderful work at our school. During her time at Bloxham, she has demonstrated real adaptability and skill working across all 3 Key Stages. I wish her every continued success in the future.

COMING UP IN SCHOOL

December 6th

PFSU Nativity at 1.30pm School Hall

December 7th

PFSU Nativity at 9.15am and 1.30pm School Hall

December 11th

Hobgoblin Theatre visiting School

December 13th

Nativity at St. Mary's Church at 10am Years 1-3

December 14th

Hollywood and Hotdogs

December 18th

Christmas Celebration for Years 4-6 at 10am in St. Mary's Church

December 19th

School Christmas Lunch

December 19th

Christmas Jumper Day in school

December 19th

Informal music on the playground - 3.30pm

December 21st

Whole School Carol Service at 10am St. Mary's Church

December 21st

School closes at 3.15pm for Christmas

January 7th 2019

Term begins for children

2019 HOLIDAY DATES

January 7th - Start of Term
February 18th-22nd - School Holiday
April 8th-22nd - Easter Holiday
May 6th - May Day Bank Holiday
May 24th - Inset Day
May 27th - 31st School Holiday

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT

The governing body have recently produced their annual report on governance of the school. This retrospective report looks at the challenges faced during the 2017-18 school year. It covers implementation of GDPR, the formulation and adoption of our new Communications and Data Policy to better support communication with all those with parental responsibility, and also considers our plans to instigate a school-and community-wide review of the school's core values and curriculum in the coming years.

We hope that you will take the time to read what the governing body have been working on. You can find it on the website here:

<http://bloxhamprimary.co.uk/document-library/governor-documents/annual-governance-report-2017-18>

CHILDREN IN NEED

Our Children in Need day raised an amazing £633.27 through non-uniform donations and the cake sale that we held at the end of the day. The cake sale alone raised £140.20! Thank you to everyone for their very generous donations.

FOBPS

On Friday 14th December, FOBPS will be holding a Festive Hollywood and Hotdogs event. All ticket requests need to be back to the office by Friday 7th December. Tickets are priced at £6 each which includes a drink, a hotdog and a gift from Santa who will visit on the night. It will start at 3.15pm and collection will be at 5.30pm.

On Wednesday 19th December there will be a non uniform day with a Christmas Jumper theme. Suggested donation £1.



ECO NEWS

Last week the fabulous ECO Reps did an assembly reminding everyone to use the correct bins for their food waste at break times. They also introduced the 'Fish Trophy' which will be awarded each week to a pupil who has made a big effort not to have any 'single use plastic' in their lunch box. Well done to Katie in Year 4 last week. Katie always strives to have a plastic-free lunch! Come on the rest of you! **TOP TIP:** Buy large bags of crisps and decant into pots rather than buy the single packets. (Cheaper too!) Check out this website for more ideas:

<https://www.treehugger.com/green-food/10-ways-pack-your-kids-more-sustainable-lunch.html>



PREPARATION FOR THE SCHOOL DAY

Children should always come to school prepared for the school day, i.e. musical instruments, lunch, PE kit etc. Taking these items into classes after lessons have started is disruptive to the children's learning.

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ATTENDANCE

Attendance from 15th November to 29th November was 95.87%

The classes with the best attendance were:

w/c 12th November
shared between 5B & 6JO both with 99.7%

w/c 19th November
4C with 99.4%

BAGS2SCHOOL

This week we sent home a bag for you to fill with your preloved clothes and textiles for the Bags2School fundraising initiative. This is a chance to get rid of old and unwanted clothing which will be recycled into new textiles and makes money for the school. The bags will be collected from the school on 7th December. Filled bags can be dropped off on 6th December or the morning of the 7th. Please do not drop off bags before these dates.

The more bags we fill, the more money we make, so get filling!

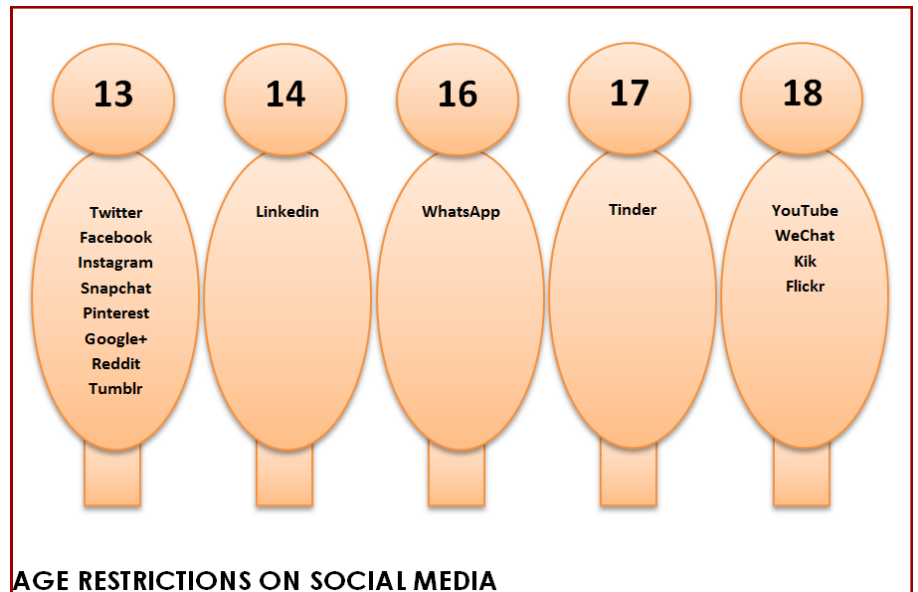
BOOK FAIR

The book fair in school was very well received and thank you to everyone who bought books to support our school.

INTERNET SAFETY

We know that children may be getting electronic gadgets from Father Christmas or otherwise during the holidays. You may find the following useful when setting up these devices. <https://www.net-aware.org.uk>

This graphic about age restrictions also provides some interesting information.



AGE RESTRICTIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S SUCCESS

Achievement Certificates:

Year 1 Alfie, Ben, Elleah, Jess, Lily

Year 2 George, Oliver, Lily

Year 4 Katie, Matthew, Rylee, Jack

Year 5 Kitty, Lewis, Tom, George, Allana

Year 6 Marsela, Amber-Louise, Tommy, Philip, Otilie, Seth

Awards:

Bronze Badge: Jago, Oscar, James, Olivia, Harry, Neve, Jacob, Theo, Becca, Zyah, Aisha, Thomas, Harry

Silver Badge: Lily, Joshua, Alicia, Logan

Gold Badge: Scarlett

Bronze Star: Ava, Hollie, Oliver, Holly, Mae

Book of choice: Isabell

Congratulations to:

Jessica for being awarded a medal in hockey

Neve for a purple award in gymnastics

Charlotte for a gold award in dance.

Amy for a silver rose award in classical ballet

Level 1 Cycle Training Course

Libby, Philip, Aaron, Aurora

Level 2 Cycle Training Course

Hollie, Ryan, Ellis, Isabel, Branwyn, Hattie

SPORTING NEWS

Last week, some children in Year 5 and 6 took part in our own swimming gala. They were swimming against the clock, trying to achieve their personal best in more than one stroke. Well done to the following children who have already received their Self Belief certificates: Tom S, Max C, Ellis T, Henry, Aaron, Toby, Kajus, Tom B, Grant, Ed, Gabe, Leanna, Isabel H, Isabelle W, Grace, Emily, Liberty, Kitty, Katie, Martha, Elise and Ruby C.

This week some boys took part (on Monday) and some girls took part today (Friday) from Year 5 and 6 in a Regional Football competition at Oxford City Ground. Toby, our Year 5 sports rep said; "Everyone enjoyed it but some games were tougher than others!" One of our teams finished in 3rd place, narrowly missing out on a place in the quarter finals and our other team finished in 4th place. Well done to Tom S, Rylie, Ryan, Alfie John, Fenton, Ellis T, Theo, Matthew, Ellis B, Toby, Kajus, Tom B, Grant, Ed, Joe, George, Will, Kyle and Ethan. Those children received a special medal for taking part in assembly today.

More to follow from the girls' competition in the next letter!

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Warriner Swimming Gala at Sibford. All of our staff agreed that our children were amazing, both in terms of their behaviour and their efforts with their swimming. The children should be very proud of their passion certificates, Isabel, Leanna, Liberty and Elise. Well done to the following four girls who finished in 2nd place overall as a team: Leanna, Elise, Liberty and Isabel H.

Also this week some children from Year 1 took part in a Dance Festival at the Warriner. The theme was 'Around the World'. Our children, alongside other children in the partnership, learnt three different dance routines and enjoyed practising and performing these. It was great to see the children engaged and having fun. Congratulations to Isabella, Connor, Dylan, Lily, Eleah and Alyssia who received a Passion certificate.

Matthew Ingall
Headteacher



Artsmark
Gold Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England