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Committed to the care and education of your child within a Christian setting

Value of the Month: Love

Newsletter Term 3: 2017/18 (10)

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a chance to look at the Parent Forum information, which can be found under Useful Information on the school website. I would like to thank those of you who have sent such warm words of encouragement since the Ofsted meeting this term.

Today we have begun to introduce the new value of the month, which is love.

Tim Edwards-Grundy

Values Award Certificates:

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Naomi Burge, Michelle Woodford, Amelia Burgoyne, Zachary James, Quinn Holman, Luke Thompson, Alana Buxton, Charlie Palmer, Orhan Mustafa, Lani Wright, Oliver Cole, Daniel Webb



and to last week's winners:

Tilly Minion, Jack Morgan, Reggie Lyons, Chloe Wild, Oliver Glover, Reuben Cartwright, Lexie Ealey, Georgia Minion, William Scott, Charlie Perrin-Cox, Elsie Titterton



Secondary School Offers:

We would like to remind parents and carers of children in Year 6 that they should receive their offer of a secondary school place on Thursday 1st March.

Reception Place Offers:

We would like to remind parents and carers of pre-school children that they should receive their offer of a primary school place on Monday 16th April.

Safer Internet Day:

On Tuesday 6th February, we will be holding a Safer Internet Day, when we will be learning about how to keep children safe whilst online. The link below takes you to a parent pack on the Safer Internet Day website:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018/sid2018-education-packs/education-pack-parents-and-carers>

Please do read our separate communication sent today about Internet Safety and Roblox.

Friends' AGM:

The AGM will be held on Monday evening from 7.30 - 9pm in the Year 4 middle area. All parents and carers are welcome, so please come along to find out about the wonderful work that the Friends of The Blake School do.

World Book Day:

We will be celebrating World Book day on Thursday 1st March and ask that the children come dressed as their favourite book character on that day. The children will be taking part in a variety of book related activities, and the Book Fair will also be in school that week. Further details to follow.

Photography Competition:

Our local MP, Robert Courts, is holding a West Oxfordshire schools' photography competition, with the aim of encouraging pupils to take pride in our beautiful area. It would be lovely if lots of our children took part in the competition. The deadline for entry is Wednesday 28th February. Details are on the attached email.

School Meals:

We are pleased to inform you that we have chosen to go with The School Lunch Company as our new provider of lunches. This company has an extremely good reputation with other Witney schools and uses local suppliers of food wherever possible. The menus will remain the same for the time being, and we will give you as much notice as possible before they change.

Could you help a child to read and change their life forever?

Reading Helpers needed

ARCh (Assisted Reading for Children) is a local registered charity, which operates in Oxfordshire primary schools to help children who are struggling with reading. All it takes is one and a half hours twice a week during the school day as an ARCh volunteer in a primary school near you. **Full training is given and we provide ongoing support and reimburse travel expenses.** To find out more, please visit our website: www.archoxfordshire.org.uk or telephone us on **01869 320380**.

Sports Science in Year 6:

Year 6 would like to thank Sam Hook for his inspiring talk on Sports Science on Wednesday 24th January. We were amazed at his knowledge and all learnt a lot of interesting new facts about the human body and exercise.

Dates for your Diaries:

Monday 5th February - Friends' AGM at 7.30pm

Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7th February - Phonics Workshop: time to be confirmed

Friday 9th February - Pantomime for Reception and Years 1, 2 and 3

Friday 9th February - Term ends at **3.15pm**

Wednesday 21st February - Phonics Workshop: time to be confirmed

Wednesday 28th February - Confidence Workshop: 3.30 - 5pm

Thursday 1st March - World Book Day

Friday 2nd March - School Discos

Wednesday 7th March - Homework Workshop: 3.30 - 5pm

Thursday 8th March - Friday 9th March: Year 4 Residential to Bath and Chedworth

Saturday 10th March - Choir at Chipping Norton Music Festival

Tuesday 13th March - Year 2 Partnership Concert at Wood Green School at 6pm

Wednesday 14th March - Homework Workshop: 3.30 - 5pm

Tuesday 27th March - National Children's Measurement Programme - Reception and Year 6

Thursday 29th March - Term ends at **3.15pm**

Monday 16th April - Term begins

Please see the calendar on the school website for further School Dates. Lists of holiday dates and school term dates can be found under Useful Information on the website.