



The Blake CE Primary School

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

Value of the Month: Thankfulness

Newsletter Term 1: 2018/19 (7)

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have said goodbye to Miss Cotton, who has worked at The Blake for 7 years. At the end of the term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Sarbutts, after 29 years of service to the school. We wish them both well and would like to thank them for all that they have done for our school and for your children.

Tim Edwards-Grundy

Values Award Certificates:

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Aimee Hitchman, Isaiah Ugwu, Lucas Maskell, Dexter O'Sullivan, Dominyka Cepulyte, Charlie Partlett, Oliver Glover, Joseph Osborne, Glen Longson, Jordan Wright, Leo Adderley, Joseph Gillmore



and to last week's winners:

Yasmin, Joseph Harris, Jake Christiansen, Isabelle Corke, Rowan Boshier Krivan, Callum Halcrow, Matilda Baldwin, Eva Graves, Agatha Fowler, Edith Black, Grace Horne



School Uniform:

Please could any orders for school uniform be brought to the school office by Friday 14th December at the latest. We have very little uniform in stock, so an order will be placed that day for items to be delivered in the New Year.

School Choir and Radio Oxford:

The KS2 school choir have recorded 2 Christmas songs, which will be aired on BBC Radio Oxford on 19th December at 7.45am and again at 8.45am. Do tune in to listen if you are able to. Mrs Raven would like to thank her choir for their many Christmas performances. She is extremely proud of all the children, who work hard to learn the songs to such a high standard and who represent the school so well at these events.

Safeguarding Briefing:

If you volunteer in the school, we would like to invite you to a Safeguarding briefing from **3.30-4.30pm on Tuesday 11th December** in the school hall. If you are able to attend, please could you let the school office know. Thank you.

Clubs:

Athletics, Circuits and French clubs have all finished for this term.

The last Premier Soccer this term will be on Monday 10th December. The club will resume on Monday 14th January.

The last Choir practise this term will be on Thursday 13th December.

The last Zumba this term will be on Monday 17th December. The club will resume on Monday 14th January.

The last Recorder session will be on Wednesday 19th December.

The Friends' Fundraising Events:

The Friends would like to thank all those who helped to make the school discos and the Christmas Fair such a success. They are hoping to be able to update us soon on how much they have raised this term.

Dates for your Diaries:

Flu Vaccinations (Reception - Year 5) - Tuesday 11th December

Reception Performance - Thursday 13th December at 6pm

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 14th December

Years 1 & 2 Performance - Tuesday 18th December at 2pm

Years 3 & 6 Carol Service - Wednesday 19th December at 2pm in St. Mary's Church, Cogges

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Years 4 & 5 Carol Service - Thursday 20th December at 2pm in St. Mary's Church, Cogges

Term Ends - Friday 21st December at 1.30pm

INSET Day - Monday 7th January

Term begins - Tuesday 8th January



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Christmas Events 2018

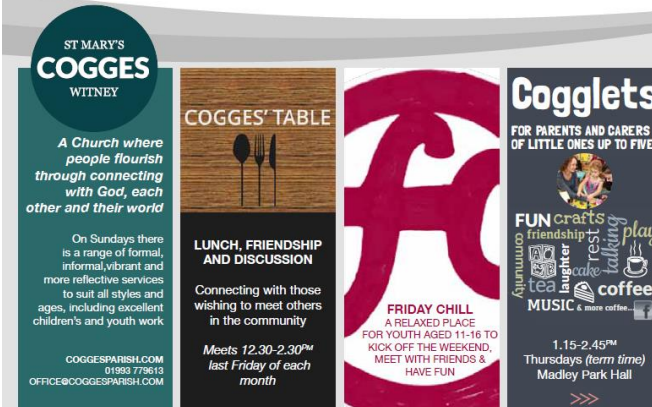
Saturday 1st December
6.30pm Carols in the Barn at Cogges Farm
Carols and readings in a unique festive atmosphere

Sunday 9th December
4pm Christingle Service
A service for children and all the family with Carols, the Christmas Story and Christingle candle lighting

Sunday 16th December
5pm & 7pm Carol Services
Contemporary carol service with mulled wine and mince pies served afterwards

Christmas Eve
3.30pm & 4.30pm Nativity Service
A family-friendly exploration of the Christmas story
11pm Carols and Communion
A traditional midnight service

Christmas Day
8am Traditional Communion Service
9.30am & 10.45am Christmas Services: Family services for all ages



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COGGES' TABLE

LUNCH, FRIENDSHIP AND DISCUSSION

Connecting with those wishing to meet others in the community

Meets 12.30-2.30pm last Friday of each month

FRIDAY CHILL

A RELAXED PLACE FOR YOUTH AGED 11-16 TO KICK OFF THE WEEKEND, MEET WITH FRIENDS & HAVE FUN

Cogglets

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF LITTLE ONES UP TO FIVE

FUN crafts friendship rest play

community teacher lunch coffee MUSIC & more coffee

1.15-2.45pm Thursdays (term time) Madley Park Hall

Action for Education is a small UK non-profit organisation, providing safe spaces and classes for refugees. A team of volunteer teachers and youth workers provide lessons for children and young adults who otherwise have no access to education, whilst living in camps. They work with those who are fleeing war, persecution and civil unrest from countries that include Syria, Yemen, Eritrea, Somalia, Iraq and Afghanistan. During their first months in Europe, the refugees are kept in so-called 'Reception and Identification Centres'. These are severely overcrowded camps that do not offer adequate hospitality, shelter, education or access to sufficient legal and medical support. The programmes seek to support these vulnerable youths and to offer, at least in part, a response to their needs.

More information can be found at:

www.actionforeducation.co.uk or:

www.shopforeducation.co.uk.



Hedgehog Club News December 2018:

Why not spend the winter with The Hedgehog Club, exploring all that the great outdoors has to offer and experiencing the woods in all their winter glory? We might even have some snowy days!

"There is no such thing as the wrong sort of weather, just the wrong sort of clothing."

So wrap up, layer up and come and join us in the woods...

In January, you can find The Hedgehog Club at:

Deer Park Wood, Witney:

You can find us here every Friday during term time. We will start again on 11th January 2019 and run until 15th February.

As January is the RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch, we will be focussing on birds for the first few weeks - which ones we can see in the woods, how we can attract them into our garden and make sure they survive the winter.

We will have lashings of hot chocolate available and the fire will burn brightly to cook our snacks. Booking will be available on the website before Christmas and places need to be booked in advance, discounts available for block booking.

Blenheim Palace Family Forest School:

These sessions happen every Wednesday, in the holidays too, from 10.30am -3pm. They are free if you have paid to get into the palace grounds or have an annual pass. There is no need to book, you can just drop in and stay for as long as you like.

The mud kitchen, bug hunting, den building, rope swing and slope sliding are always available. Each week there are other activities to take part in and during term time we will toast marshmallows on the fire. So come and join in the fun.

The Hedgehog Club Birthday Parties:

I also run Woodland Birthday parties at Hailey Community Wood. The package includes making your own party bag, cooking a snack on the fire, den building and natural craft activities. Do get in touch if your child has a birthday coming up and I can send you more information.

Coming up in 2019...

Woodland Club at Cogges:

The club will return in the spring once Cogges reopens.

Holiday Activity Days:

I am planning some holiday fun in February, April, May and August, so keep an eye on the website, Face Book page or join the mailing list to hear about what is happening with The Hedgehog Club. These days will be suitable for all primary aged children.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you who have supported me in getting The Hedgehog Club started. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2019.

Mandy

If you have any questions, suggestions or want to join the mailing list, please contact me on:

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Christmas FÊTE

Saturday 8 December 2018
from 2.00–4.30pm



Middletown Grange Care Home's
Christmas Fête has something for everyone.

Come along for a festive afternoon of carols and local craft stalls selling a range of fantastic items, including candles, cakes, various gifts, raffle and tombola!

Festive treats will also be available,
including mulled wine, mince pies and a goody bag

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