



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: Unity

Newsletter Term 1: 2018/19 (1)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another new year at the Blake School. It has been wonderful to see the children back in school; they are settling well into their new classes and getting used to the changes in their new year groups.

There have been a few changes to class teachers. It gives me great pleasure to welcome Mrs Rump into Year 2, where she joins Mrs Usher-Wilson, and Mrs Powell into Year 6, where she joins Miss Main.

A huge congratulations to Mr Hope who became a father for the second time to a baby boy called Elijah over the summer holiday.

I look forward to seeing you all as the term progresses. I hope that you will be able to come to the curriculum meetings next week to meet your child's class teacher and to ask any questions that you may have regarding the coming year. If you are unable to attend, notes from the meetings will be sent home and available on the website shortly afterwards. The Year 1 team met with their new parents last term.

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School Uniform:

The children all look very smart in their school uniform. We would like to remind you that school uniform is ordered and distributed by a fabulous parent volunteer. To ensure delivery of specific items in the 1st week of each half term, please could you place your order, together with payment, by the last Wednesday of each half term. Payment can either be made in cash or you may write a cheque, made payable to Blakes Sweatshirts. A few items are held in stock, but not all sizes of all items. A full list of our school

uniform can be found on the school website, together with the order form that you can print at home. The school office also has copies of these documents.

Please may we remind parents/carers to label school uniform clearly to assist us in finding the owner of any lost property. Thank you.

PE Uniform:

Please can we ask you to ensure that your child has their PE kit in school all week. Thank you.

School Shoes:

Please may we remind you that children need to wear black school shoes in school and that they need to have a pair of trainers with them every day for outdoor wear.

Book Bags:

The school office holds a stock of school book bags, which now cost £6.60.

Bike Permits:

Please may we remind you that children, who wish to ride their bikes to school, must now be issued with a bike permit, which should be attached to their bike. These permits can be obtained from the school office. You will need to obtain the new form from the office or download it from our website. Please return the completed form to the office, where your request will be processed. Your child will then be issued with their permit.

Breakfast and After School Clubs:

Oxford Active runs our Breakfast Club from 7.50am and After School Club until 5.30pm daily. For more information or to book a place for your child, please contact Oxford Active directly on 01865 594325 or e-mail them at info@oxfordactive.co.uk.

Judo:

Judo lessons resume on Monday 10th September at 8am. If your child would like to try judo, please bring them to this 1st session.

Choir:

Choir for Key Stage 2 children will resume on Thursday 13th September.

Zumba:

Zumba for Years 1, 2 and 3 begins again on Monday 17th September.

Premier Soccer:

Premier Soccer begins again on Monday 24th September.

Quinta Residential 8th – 12th October:

Please could we remind parents/carers that the final payment is now due for the Year 6 residential trip to Quinta.

Henry Box School Open Evening:

Wednesday 19th September 4.30 – 7.30pm

Wood Green School Open Evening:

Thursday 27th September 5 – 7.30pm

Curriculum Meetings:

Year 2 at 5pm on Tuesday 11th September

Year 4 at 4.45pm on Wednesday 12th September

Reception at 6pm on Wednesday 12th September

Year 3 at 5pm on Thursday 13th September

Year 5 at 5.45pm on Thursday 13th September

Year 6 at 6.15pm on Thursday 13th September



Keep in touch with the Hedgehog Club: 
Tuesdays... Woodland Club at Cogges Museum
10am - 12.30pm:

The Cogges Woodland Club is a Forest School where pre-school children learn by playing and exploring their natural environment.

There will be six sessions over one term, starting at 10.30 and finishing at 12.30. Each participating child is £7, and £6 for siblings. Adults are £2 for entrance to the Cogges site, or grown-ups come free if they are a season ticket holder. We will take bookings for the whole six-week term. Once the Woodland Club session is finished, you will be welcome to stay as long as you like at Cogges.

The next six-week term starts on **Tuesday 11th September 2018**. If you would like to book, please see the website or email events@cogges.org.uk with any questions.

Wednesdays... Family Forest School at Blenheim Palace 10.30am -3pm:

If you have an annual pass or are visiting for the day, you can join in with sessions down by the lake for **free**. They are open to all ages and run from 10.30am -3pm. Come down to the lakeside site, say hello, catch some butterflies, build a den or play in the mud kitchen. Bring a picnic and stay for the whole day.

Fridays... Friday Fun at Deer Park Wood 10am -12pm:

These sessions start again on **Friday 7th September** and will run for 6 weeks (no session on Friday 21st September). They are open to preschool age children and their carers. The sessions run along Forest School principles so are led by what your child wants to do. Each week the mud kitchen, the hammocks, bug hunting and cooking on the fire are always available. There is a theme each week with a story and the session ends with cooking on the camp fire, drinking hot chocolate and eating homemade biscuits. It is £7 per child, with a sibling discount per session. If you book all 6 sessions in a block you receive a discount too.

To book your place or for more information, please go to: www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk .

If you have any questions, please contact Mandy on: thehedgehogclub123@gmail.com .



BAT WALK

Friday 7 September

6.00 pm family batty activities with Mandy Warwick

- ❖ meet Rosie the bat
- ❖ batty story telling and craft activities
- ❖ refreshments available in the cookhouse – small charge

7.00pm - 9.00pm with Tom August

- ❖ learn about the life of these fascinating creatures
- ❖ explore their habitats
- ❖ use bat detectors



*only 20 places available
 priority for Friends until 25 August – then open to all*

Friends of Hill End adults £5 children £3
Non-Friends adults £8 children £4

booking essential
 e-mail friendsofhillend@gmail.com to reserve your places or call 07982 439 828 pay on the day
we don't let the weather stop us - but bats don't like rain!



Family bushcraft @ Hill End








Saturday 3 November
10.00am – 1.00pm
an introduction to Bushcraft

booking essential - minimum age 5

Friends of Hill End members	
£6.00 adult	£3.00 child
<i>capped at £18 per family</i>	
Non-Friends	
£10.00 adult	£5.00 child
<i>capped at £30 per family</i>	

**book with: friendsofhillend@gmail.com
 : Lesley 07982 439 828**

pay on the day - all you will need is appropriate outdoor clothing and boundless enthusiasm

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 stew – marshmallows –
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