



# 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: Goodness

Newsletter Term 3: 2018/19 (17)

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*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*Welcome back to what will no doubt prove to be a busy last term. I would like to thank those parents who attended the Parent Forum yesterday to discuss the school's vision; their input was extremely useful. For those of you who would like to contribute, but who were unable to attend the forum, please do click [here](#) to complete our online form. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Summer Fête on Saturday. I will be helping to set up in the morning, but I will be absent from the fête, as I will be running the Otmoor half marathon in memory of Lynne Boland.*

*Tim Edwards-Grundy*

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## Book Fair:

There will be a book fair at the Summer Fête on Saturday. For anyone unable to make the fête, the book fair will also be open in the hall before school on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June. We do hope that you will be able to support the book fair, as the number of new books the school benefits from depends on the total sales.

## Non-School Uniform Day:

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the non-school uniform fundraising day at the end of last term. We raised a total of £285.42.

## Outdoor Areas:

Thank you for the generous donations for our outdoor areas, including a vegetable garden. Mrs Doland is still gratefully receiving plants and compost.

## Summer Fête - 12-3pm - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June:

Today, the Friends are looking forward to receiving your wonderful donations, cakes and goodies at the library door, which is situated by the Year 3 cloakroom doors. Please also return any unsold raffle tickets so that they can be sold at the fête on Saturday.

There are a number of new additions to this year's fête, which will all be themed around 'A day at the Seaside!'. This is the second of our larger fundraising events for the year, which we hope will see us break another record in terms of monies raised. This is only achievable with your help and support, so please do take the opportunity to make a 'family day' of it and invite friends, neighbours and grandparents to join in the fun from 12 noon until 3pm.

There will be numerous activities, including small fairground rides, penny arcades, hoopla, tombolas, balloon-modelling and face-painting, as well as musical performances from the children, our Golden Bucket and sweetie swag bags. Be sure to let the younger children complete our Seagull trail and support the Year 6 classes with their own games and stalls devised for the day. For the more energetic amongst you, there will be a penalty shoot-out, bouncy castle/inflatable slide, and bucket & spade games, to name a few. Burgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers will be available at our BBQ and we will have ice-creams/lollies, homemade cakes and strawberries and cream aplenty too.

### Dates for your Diaries:

- Summer Fair - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 12 - 3pm
- Leavers' and Sport Photos - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 2 Trip - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June
- KS2 Sports Day - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am (Reserve Date Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June)
- Reception & KS1 Sports Day - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am (Reserve Date 1<sup>st</sup> July)
- Reception Races - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 1.45pm (Reserve Date Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July)
- M&M Production KS2 - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June
- School Discos - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 4.30pm (Reception & KS1) & 6pm (KS2)
- Year 6 Transfer Days - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July
- Quiz Night - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July
- Reception Trip - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 6 Performance - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm
- Year 6 Performance - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm
- Reception Performance - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm
- Year 6 Leavers' Service at St. Mary's Church, Cogges - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 10am
- Year 6 Leavers' Party - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July
- Term ends **at 1.30pm** - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

### Advance Notice from Cogges Surgery:

"The car parks owned by Cogges GP Surgery (on both sides of Cogges Hill Road) will be closed for line marking work to be carried out sometime between 8am on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June and 6pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. As the parking areas will be cordoned off to protect the workforce, please be aware that access to the Neighbourhood Centre car park (the area closest to the shops) will be via the second turning. Any available NHS parking spaces will be reserved for our patients who have limited mobility, ambulances and our emergency doctor. We would ask that anyone using a vehicle parks responsibly elsewhere, so that we can keep our access road clear for emergency vehicles attending the practice during this time. Thank you."

### Witney Play & Activity Day 2019

We will be back in Witney for the Towns Annual Play & Activity day on Thursday 1st August

This year the event will be held at the West Witney Sports & Social Club on Burford Road

As usual with our Playday project this event will offer both FREE Entrance & FREE Activities

See You There!



### THE GRUFFALO COMES TO BURFORD-17th JUNE 2019

On the 17th June the wonderful Julia Donaldson will be visiting Burford as part of her Independent Book Week tour

As we expect this is going to be a very well attended event, we will be holding it in the New Warwick Hall from 4 - 6 p.m.

#### **THIS EVENT IS NOW TICKETED**

Tickets are free and are limited to one per family - please contact the shop in advance to reserve your place (Ticket admits 2 adults and up to 6 children)

She is also hoping to bring a very dear friend with her - The Gruffalo of course!

Please contact Madhatter Bookshop for more details and to order your books: 01993 822539

Information on this event can also be found on Facebook/Twitter/ Instagram

Or on our website: [www.madhatterbooks.co.uk](http://www.madhatterbooks.co.uk)



### Science Club – Oxford Green Week

Oxford Botanic Garden | 10am-11.30am & 1pm-2.30pm  
15 June

Find out just how green our Garden is with a whole host of green-themed activities.

Try your hand at making recycled paper, create a home for minibeasts, make a water gauge for your own garden and find out why Fairtrade chocolate is so delicious. Explore the Garden on an eco tour with our experts and sow some seeds in a recycled pot to take home and nurture.

For ages 7 – 11.

£10 per child with 1 free adult, additional adults normal admission

Buy tickets at [obga.ox.ac.uk/whats-on](http://obga.ox.ac.uk/whats-on)

Oxford Botanic Garden, Rose Lane, Oxford, OX1 4AZ





**WITNEY CARNIVAL** **SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019**

**FREE ENTRY**

**PROCESSION LEAVES THE LEYS AT 11am CARNIVAL OPENS AT 12am**

**BREWERS OF CHARACTER WYCHWOOD**

**BEER PIMMS BURGERS TEA & CAKES**

**LIVE MUSIC**

**FAMILY ENTERTAINERS DONKEY DERBY RIDES DOG SHOW CIRCUS ACTS**

**ORGANISED BY: WITNEY ROTARY CLUB WITNEY LIONS CLUB WITNEY ROUND TABLE WITNEY AIR CADETS**

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# SPACE CHASE

Summer Reading Challenge 2019


Get set to blast-off in our FREE reading challenge at your local library...

**13<sup>th</sup> July to 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Oxfordshire children can join the Rocket family in libraries this summer for an epic adventure in space!

Your mission is to help to track down mischievous aliens, read six library books and if you are age 3 and under, collect stickers on your **Mini Challenge** card.

Finish the challenge to get your own certificate and special gold medal sticker!



Look out for fantastic new books and activities at your library and try out the [spacechase.org.uk](http://spacechase.org.uk) website to add to the fun!

Psst... Adults - Look out for the "Oxfordshire Reads" postcards to enter a prize draw!

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## 27 July - 31 August



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