



# 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 (2)

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*It was lovely to see so many of you at the Curriculum meetings last week; please do discuss eSafety with your children and take time to look at the helpful links sent home. I would like to thank the staff for giving up their time for these meetings and for the forthcoming Parents' Evenings. Please note that there are a few different dates for these consultations this term.*

*Tim Edwards-Grundy*

## Values Award Certificates:

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Jacob Coull, Gina Kamangir, Jessica Arnold, Lily Palmer, Lily Holden, Zoe Stratford, Maya Batt, Freya Wells, Harry Kitto, Devon Squire, Emma Hillaby and Ivy Willis.



## Harvest Festival:

This year's Harvest Festival will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Once again we would like to ask children to bring in donations of food items for our display that day. The food will then be given to the Besom Project in Witney, and any fresh produce will be sold at the end of the school day. The children will be working on a variety of Harvest activities leading up to our Collective Worship.

## Friends' AGM:

All parents and carers are warmly invited to the Friends' AGM on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 7pm. Do come along to find out what fundraising ideas we are planning for the coming year and to offer any suggestions you may have. We will be bidding Charlie farewell at this meeting. She has been the Chair of the association for several years.

## Quinta:

Please note that all forms for the Year 6 Quinta trip should have been returned to your child's teacher and that all payments should now have been made. If you have any queries, please do ask at the school office or catch your child's teacher at the end of the school day. Thank you.

## RE and Art Week:

This year we will be holding RE and Art Week commencing on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October. The theme this year is The Trinity. Each class will have an opportunity to visit the Prayer spaces at church during the week.

### Parents' Evenings:

Parents' Evenings this term are as follows:

**Reception:** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September - 3.30 - 6pm and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September - 3.30 - 6pm

**1JP/AN:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October - 3.30 - 6pm and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - 4.30 - 7pm

**1RC:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - 4.30 - 7pm and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November - 4.30 - 7pm

**2AUW:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 3.30pm and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 3.30pm

**2LR:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October - 3.30 - 6pm and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - 4.30 - 7pm

**3FH:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October - 3.30 - 6pm and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - 4.30 - 7pm

**3VH:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October - 3.30 - 6pm and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - 4.30 - 7pm

**4AH:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - 4.30 - 7pm and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November - 4.30 - 7pm

**4DR:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October - 3.30 - 6pm and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - 4.30 - 7pm

**5KH:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October - 3.30 - 6pm and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - 4.30 - 7pm

**5ZL:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - 4.30 - 7pm and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November - 4.30 - 7pm

**Year 6:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October - 3.30 - 6pm and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November - 4.30 - 7pm

More details about booking for these will be sent home soon. If you are unable to make the times for your child's/children's teacher/s, please do speak with them at the end of the school day to arrange an alternative time.

### SENCO Available at Parents' Evenings:

Mrs Banbury, the school's Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO), will be available to meet with parents and carers to discuss children's Individual Education Plans (IEPs) from 3.30pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September and on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to arrange a consultation with her, please speak to a member of staff in the school office. She will make contact with parents and carers unable to meet with her on that day.

### Dates for your Diaries:

Individual and Family Group Photos for the Whole School - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September  
Friends' AGM and Farewell to Charlie - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm  
Wood Green School Open Evening - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 5 - 7.30pm  
Harvest Festival - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October  
Quinta Residential - 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> October  
RE and Art Week - 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> October

### INSET Day - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Half Term Holiday - 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> October

Flu Vaccinations (Reception - Year 5) - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Reception Performance - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm  
Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Years 1 & 2 Performance - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm  
Years 3 & 6 Carol Service - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in St. Mary's Church, Cogges  
Years 1 & 2 Performance - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm  
Years 4 & 5 Carol Service - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in St. Mary's Church, Cogges  
Term Ends - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1.30pm

### La Jolie Ronde French Club:

La Jolie Ronde French Club at The Blake CE Primary School has been running successfully for over two years and will be continuing this academic year.

The French Club is held on a Tuesday after school for children in Years 4-6; the first lesson back will be on Tuesday 18th September 2018. Each lesson is half an hour, from 3.20pm to 3.50pm. The current programme is called "Bonjour la France". New pupils are invited to join this existing group, as the course is designed with plenty of repetition throughout and is flexible for pupils to join at any point.

The French Club is also held on a Wednesday after school for children in Years 2-3, and will start a brand-new "Salut Céline et Antoine" course from the beginning of the new school year, making this an ideal course for children who wish to progress to the higher level (having attended the "Les Aventures" course) or for new joiners. Each lesson is half an hour, from 3.20pm to 3.50pm, and the first lesson back will be on Wednesday 19th September 2018.

There will be ten lessons in total between September and December, at a cost of £5.50 per lesson. An Activity Book with a CD will be required for new joiners, at a cost of £15.00 (as a one-off payment). 'Payment plans' can be arranged on request.

Please contact the club leader, Beverley Greenway, for dates and further information:

[greenwayba@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:greenwayba@yahoo.co.uk)

Tel.: 07578 448039.



**Part time vacancy .....**

Oxford Active needs a mature and responsible person to help run the busy Breakfast Club based at the Blake Church of England Primary School, Cogges Hill Road, Witney, OX28 3FR.

The hours are:

- 7.50am – 8.50am, three mornings a week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, during school term time only, to start as soon as possible.

We currently have up to 24 children attending each morning. You will be helping to prepare breakfast and to provide a range of activities designed to get children ready for a busy school day.

Salary: £8.75 per hour.

You must be reliable, enthusiastic and have some experience of working with children.

All our staff need to pass strict safeguarding checks, including an enhanced DBS disclosure.

For more information and an application form, please contact Anne Bissell at [hr@oxfordactive.co.uk](mailto:hr@oxfordactive.co.uk) or call 01865 594324.

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