

# What's on?

At the start of the school year, we are delighted to invite parents into school for our curriculum evenings. These evenings are an opportunity to hear about the learning that your children will be covering over the coming term, as well as sharing with you year group specific information.

Meetings will take place in school at the following times –

Year 1 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 5.30pm

Year 2 – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm face to face and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 6pm **online**

Year 3 - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 5.30pm

Year 4 - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm

Year 5 – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 5pm

Year 6 – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm

## Order school meals

If you want your child to have a school meal next week, please [complete the online form](#) by 6pm on Thursday.

If you don't order meals by 6pm, your child will need to bring packed lunches next week.

Children in our Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free school meal.

Children in all other year groups pay for their meals via ParentPay. Please make sure that you clear the payments on ParentPay regularly to avoid amassing a significant bill.

## Come and work with us

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor. If you would like to join our team, you can find out more about the role on our [school website](#).

The deadline for applications is this Friday at 5pm, interviews will take place next week.

If you need a paper copy of the application form, you can pick one up from the school office.

## Clubs

Owing to the Bank Holiday, football club will not start until Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

Zumba and Jazz Dance have already started, choir starts tomorrow.

Information has been circulated about athletics and information about JAM club will be shared with children in Years 5 and

## Name it!

At the end of the last academic year, all of the items in our lost property boxes were washed, mended and ironed by one of our school volunteers, anything that was named was returned to its owner and the rest will be given away or sold.

Just 7 days into the new school year, we already have a new and very sizeable pile of unclaimed uniform items, all without names.

We would love to return all uniform to its rightful owner, so please make sure everything is named so that we can get it back to your child.

## Around Blake Care

We are delighted that so many children are now able to attend our wrap around provision each day, before and after school.

In the mornings, the children go out for a run around before the day begins. To enable them to do this, it is not possible to provide breakfast to children who arrive after 8.30am.

Many of our sessions before and after school are now full, but we endeavour to provide a place wherever we can. If you are caught out in an emergency, please do call the school office to arrange last minute provision on the day.

Sessions taken are billed in arrears, at the start of the following month.

If you have a query about our provision, please email Claire on [abc@blake.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:abc@blake.oxon.sch.uk).

### MIND

Oxfordshire MIND is pleased to offer a range of free wellbeing courses.

Exploring self-esteem explores what self-esteem is, how it develops, how it is affected and what tools and techniques can be used to boost self-confidence. The course is taking place in Witney over 7 weeks, starting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 12noon.

Managing stress is an online course running on Thursdays 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September, or face to face in Bicester on 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October. The sessions will help participants look at managing stress and supporting wellbeing.

To book either of the courses, [click here](#).

For other enquiries you can call the team on 01865 247788 or email them on [info@oxfordshiremind.org.uk](mailto:info@oxfordshiremind.org.uk)

### Cogges Farm Museum

The Farm Museum is looking for volunteers to help them – if you are interested, email their volunteer co-ordinator on [volunteering@cogges.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@cogges.org.uk)

Apple Day, a popular annual event is taking place on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October**, with apple pressing, cider bar and BBQ, kids' activities, apple themed treats, rural crafts and more.

The Farm Museum is also now running a series of adult learning courses that include yoga, art, photography, dry stone walling, hedgelaying, leather making and so much more. To find out more [look on their website](#).

### Junior Saturday Art Club

The club welcomes all creative 8 – 11 years olds, to enjoy a mixture of art, design and craft. All abilities are catered for.

The club takes place at the City of Oxford College (OX1 1SA) and runs over 5 weeks. [Find out more here](#).

### We need a parent governor

At the end of last year one of our parent governors stepped down from his role, which leaves us with a vacancy.

We are looking for someone who is committed to promoting the vision of the school, and who would love to join a team of volunteers in monitoring finance and strategic priorities.

To apply for the role, please email the school office. Deadline for applications 28/09/2022.