



# 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: Caring

Newsletter Term 1: 2017/18 (1)

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*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*Welcome back to another new year at the Blake School. It has been great to see the children in school and to hear their stories from the summer break.*

*There have been a few changes to class teachers and it gives me great pleasure to welcome Miss Hinkins into Year 3, where she joins Mrs Hayes.*

*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. The Year 1 team met with their new parents last term.*

*Tim Edwards-Grundy*

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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 1<sup>st</sup> week of each half term, please could you place your order, together with payment, by the last Thursday 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.

## **PE Uniform:**

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

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## **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](mailto:info@oxfordactive.co.uk).

### **Judo:**

Judo lessons resume on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 8am. If your child would like to try judo, please bring them to this 1<sup>st</sup> session.

### **Choir:**

Mrs Raven's choir for children in the juniors will begin again on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Premier Soccer:**

Premier Soccer begins again on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Curriculum Meetings:**

Year 3 at 5pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Year 2 at 5.30pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Year 6 at 6pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Reception 5 - 6pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Year 5 at 5.30pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Year 4 at 6pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September

### **The Nurturing Programme - How to get the best out of family life.**

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can be stressful and challenging. We are very pleased to be able to offer The Nurturing Programme, a series of 8 sessions to help us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel. The course will be non-judgemental, helpful and delivered with humour!

Starting on **Thursday 26th September**, the course will be held in school from 3.30pm-4.45pm each week. It is for all parents, partners and carers.

Key elements are:

**Understanding** why children behave as they do;  
**Recognising** the feelings behind the behaviour;  
**Exploring** different approaches to discipline;  
**Finding** ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children;  
**Learning** to look after ourselves.

Parents who have done the course have said:

*"I am a much more confident, positive and understanding parent. I feel much more able to cope now."*

*"We are having less family arguments and the household is a lot calmer."*

Places are limited, so please register your interest with Judith Ledden, Home School Key Worker ([jledden@blake.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:jledden@blake.oxon.sch.uk) or mobile: 07864 814818).

Please go to:

<https://familylinks.org.uk/parents> for more information.