



# The Blake CE Primary School

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*Loving, learning and flourishing in community*

Value of the Month: Justice

Newsletter Term 3: 2019/20 (9)

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

*Please may I remind you that in the event of snow/emergency closure of the school, parents will be notified by e-mail or text, so please do let us know of any changes to your contact details as soon as possible. Snow closures will also be on the OCC schools' website and on the local radio stations (BBC Radio Oxford and Heart). Please may I also remind you that children must bring coats to wear at playtimes during the cold weather and that it is advisable that children have a pair of jogging trousers and a sweat shirt in their PE kit for outside PE.*

**Tim Edwards-Grundy**

## Values Award Certificates:

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Mabel, Tyler, Anais, Imogen, Phoebe, Ambre, Elspeth, Mia,  
Oliver, Jamie, Lily



and to last week's winners:

Joseph, Malo, Cerys, Toby, Max, Woody, Maya, Samuel, Eva,  
Finley, Ronni, Lexie, Xanthe



## Dates for your Diaries:

Year 5 Production - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm

Year 5 Production - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm

M&M Production - Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3 -  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Term ends at **3.15pm** on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

**Additional INSET Day - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 1 Dance at Wood Green School - Thursday  
27<sup>th</sup> February from 10 - 11.30am

School Discos - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Choir at Chipping Norton Music Festival -  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Year 4 Residential - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 13<sup>th</sup>  
March

Year 2 Partnership Singing Concert at Wood  
Green School - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm

Term ends at **3.15pm** on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Term begins on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

## Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January - Australia Day:

Thank you to everyone who donated to our collection on Monday in support of the relief effort in Australia. We raised £253.56.

[VOXY](#) (Voice of Oxfordshire's Youth) and the [Children's Trust Board](#) would like feedback from all children and young people in Oxfordshire, aged 8 - 18 and up to 25 with additional needs, about how supported they feel by the services they use. We first shared this questionnaire in January 2019, and one year on we would like to see how supported children and young people feel now. (Young people should complete the 2020 version of the questionnaire, even if they filled in the 2019 version last year.)

The online questionnaire is now available to share with children and young people, until it closes on Sunday 9th February:

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/besupported](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/besupported)

### Children's Mental Health Week:

This year, Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> February. Set up by children's mental health charity Place2Be, the week shines a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health. This year's theme is "Find your Brave". We will be offering some additional activities across school throughout the week. Please do read the letter sent home earlier this week.



### *Half Term Hedgehog Club News January 2020*

#### **Monday 17th February: 9.30am - 3.30pm: Hedgehog Club Adventure Day:**

The day will take place at Hailey Community Wood from 9.30am - 3.30pm. Come and spend a day outdoors playing, building and exploring. We will be lighting fires and cooking on the fire. Hot drinks available all day, as well as homemade biscuits. This is a drop-off activity for 5 to 11 year olds. It costs £32 for 1 child, discounts apply for siblings.

**Booking is through the website: [www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk](http://www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk)**

#### **Tuesday 18th February: Wild Ways Challenge Day:**

Join me and Wild Ways for a day in Colliers Copse, a lovely private wood near Appleton. Lots of brilliant outdoor activities including den building, fire lighting and outdoor challenges. It costs £35 for 1 child and £32 for siblings.

**Contact Martyn: [martyn@inourelement.org.uk](mailto:martyn@inourelement.org.uk) to find out more and book your place.**

#### **Wednesday 19th February: 10am - 3.30pm: Blenheim Family Forest School:**

Blenheim Family Forest School from 10.30am - 3.30pm. This is a drop-in session so there is no need to book. Once you have paid to get into the grounds just come down to our site by the lake (ask at Flagstaff for directions if you can't find us) and join in with den building, slope sliding, rope swings, bug hunting and much more. This is a session for all ages from pre-school upwards. Come when you want and stay as long as you like.

#### **Term Time Hedgehog Club:**

During term time you and your pre-schooler – from crawlers to 4 years - can join in the Forest School fun twice each week.

**Tuesdays – The Hedgehog Club at Cogges**

**Fridays – The Hedgehog Club at Deer Park Wood**

These sessions run from 10am until 12pm. During the session there are regular activities available such as mud kitchen, bug hunting and natural crafts. Each week we have a different theme or story with extra activities based on this. We cook a snack on the fire, such as egg bread, pancakes, pasta, noodles - to name but a few. During snack time hot chocolate and other drinks are available as well as home-made biscuits. The sessions cost £7 for 1 child; sibling discounts apply. You can pay as you go or save money and book for the whole term. Booking is in advance and through the website.



# Autism CHAMPIONS

THRIVE Parents Group

Empowering parents to support their autistic children, no matter what age.

NEW DATES AVAILABLE - DON'T MISS OUT!!

**book your place**

## The Idea

Do you want understand and see your child, no matter what age, through a different lens?

Come for the support, to learn new strategies and to connect with other families.

All welcome, no need for a diagnosis.

Day: Tuesdays, 6.30 – 9pm

Dates: 4th February, 25th February, 10th March, 24th March

Where: Larkrise School, Boundary Brook Road, OX4 4AN

Please use public transport, if possible, or on street parking available.

Cost: WE HAVE A NEW 'PAY WHAT YOU CAN' STRUCTURE.

Thrive is an independent parents' group - our entire budget comes from people attending! We invite you to choose what you pay to attend based on your financial circumstances and how much you would like to support the group and see it continue.

£5 - COOL CONCESSIONS - for those who need a little financial help.

£10 - FEELING GOOD - for those who like a nice round number.

£12 – FRIEND FAVOURS for those feeling able to give a little more.

£15 - TOTALLY AWESOME! - for those feeling flash with their cash.

## Other Information

Refreshments available – please bring your own cup!

No children - babes in arms is fine.

Please let us know via email whether you are planning to come but drop in is also fine.

For further information please email: [info@autismchampions.co.uk](mailto:info@autismchampions.co.uk)