

# What's on?

## Harvest

Around the school we are having a great time celebrating harvest.

Thank you for all the donations that your children have brought in.

These have been given to Besom, who will distribute them to families in need within the local area.



## Road safety

We received a report this morning from a parent who had a near miss with a car leaving the car park this morning.

Please can we ask that you take care when driving around the school site? Cyclists should be given at least as much space as a car when you are overtaking them. Small children cannot judge speed and distance and may step into the road or appear from behind vehicles.

Please therefore drive slowly in the car park and on the road outside the school to avoid any accidents.

Thank you.

## Work experience students

Next week we are welcoming two Year 11 students into school for five days of work experience.

We look forward to welcoming these two students into our school.

## Photos

On Monday, photographs will be taken of all children who are in school. Photos will be taken of individuals, but also of family groups.

A proof of your child's photo will be sent home for you to decide if you wish to order them.

## The Friends' Quiz

You will be receiving information about the quiz that is being organised by The Friends and will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 7.30pm.

Please do support this fun event if you are able, the funds raised make a huge difference to our children and you will have a great evening.

## Eye tests

Children in our Early Years classes will be having their eyes tested during the school day on Friday.

Information has been sent home with your child.

If you have any questions, please do contact your child's class teacher.

## Join the 100 club!

You are invited to take part in the 100 Club, which ran with great success last year. It's a really easy way of supporting the school's fundraising efforts.

It costs £10 per allocated number for the year, spread across 10 monthly draws, and is payable as a single £10 payment via ParentPay - this will be set up in the first week after half-term. You can sign up for as many numbers as you like – there is no limit!

Every month a winner will be picked at random and will win half of that month's takings. So if there are 100 numbers allocated, you would win £50, with the other £50 going to the The Friends. The more people are involved, the greater the prize money. The 100 Club is open to all parents/carers, as well as to current members of staff.

If you'd like to take part, please fill in the form [here](#) by Monday 1 November. Thank you in advance for your support!

## School lunches

All of our meals are cooked fresh on site every day.

Our kitchen team work very hard to ensure that if children arrive late in school, or if there is a lost packed lunch, we are able to provide a hot dinner for them.

From time to time, children who have ordered a school lunch become poorly during the morning and have to go home.

If they leave school before 10am their lunch can be cancelled and no charge will be made for the lunch.

If however a child leaves after 10am it will be too late to cancel their meal and therefore the cost for this will be passed on to parents as if the child had remained in school.

## Nits

We continue to have cases of nits in school. Please do check your child's hair regularly and if you find nits please do treat your child's hair. Thank-you.

## Additional Bank Holiday

Next year, all employees have been awarded an additional Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

As the date allocated for the Bank Holiday falls within the summer half-term break, schools have been asked to allocate another day on which to take the day's holiday.

At The Blake School, this day will be taken on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022. The school will therefore be closed on that day.

## Covid-19

After a peak in cases a couple of weeks ago, Covid-19 positive cases in school have continued to drop.

There are however still cases within school, across most year groups. We are deeply appreciative of parental support in testing children who are symptomatic and would ask you to remain vigilant in the weeks and months ahead.

Within school we continue to prioritise ventilation, so please do make sure that your children have extra layers in school, especially as the weather cools down.