



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: Wisdom
Newsletter Term 4: 2017/18 (15)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who completed the governor questionnaire; please see the April Governor Newsletter for a summary. Thank you also to everyone who made a donation for their children to come to school in non-uniform last Friday; we raised £366.40 for school playground equipment.

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Values Award Certificates:

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Lucas Denham, Danni Andrews, Lola Whitehead, Harry Sadler, Ben White, Ethan Macfayden, Jordan Wright, Evie James, Noah Young, Evangeline Senter, Toby Thompson



Year 3 Cake Sale:

On Friday 4th May, Year 3 will be holding a cake sale after school to raise money for Sobell House Hospice. If you are able to make or buy cakes or biscuits for the sale, please could you bring them to the Years 2 and 3 shared middle area through the double doors on Friday morning. Thank you.

Free School Meals:

Further to the new Universal Credit being rolled out across Oxfordshire, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hitchman in the school office, if you think that your child/children may be eligible to receive Free School Meals.

New data protection regulations:

On 25th May 2018, there are some changes to the current data protection regulations called the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). The Blake School and The Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust regard the protection of personal data relating to children and parents/carers as a very important matter.

On the school website, in accordance with best practice, we have published our updated Data Protection Policy and Pupil Privacy Notice. The Pupil Privacy Notice outlines the pupil information that we collect, hold and share, including the lawful basis about how we use this information.

If you would like a printed copy of the Data Protection Policy and Pupil Privacy Notice, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Dates for your Diaries:

Friday 27th April - Friends' Quiz Night at 7.30pm
Wednesday 2nd May - Year 2 Ultra Olympics at Wood Green School
Thursday 3rd May - Reception Closed for Elections
Friday 4th May - Year 3 Cake Sale
Monday 7th May - School Closed for May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 8th May - Year 5 Partnership Concert at Wood Green School at 6.30pm
Monday 14th - Thursday 17th May - SATs Week

Wednesday 23rd May - Years 3 & 4 Performance at 2pm
Thursday 24th May - Year 1 Trip to Crocodiles of the World
Thursday 24th May - Years 3 & 4 Performance at 6pm
Friday 25th May - Term ends at 3.15pm

Monday 4th June - INSET Day
Tuesday 5th June - Term begins
Friday 15th June - School Discos
Friday 29th June - Year 2 Trip to Sutton Courtenay
Friday 29th June - M & M Production for Years 4, 5, 6
Saturday 30th June - School Fête from midday

Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th, Friday 6th July - Year 6 Transition Days at Wood Green and Henry Box
Friday 6th July - Reception Trip to Wildlife Park
Tuesday 24th July - Year 6 Leavers' Party
Wednesday 25th July - Term ends at 1.30pm

Please see the calendar on the school website for further School Dates. Lists of holiday dates and school term dates can be found under Useful Information on the website.

Family Links:

Please note that the time of the Family Links course has changed to Wednesdays from 1.30-3pm. There will be 8 sessions on Wednesday afternoons starting on **Wednesday 2nd May**. The course will now be held in the **Cogges Church office lounge**.

We are really excited to be able to offer the Family Links Nurturing group again this term. The group is open to up to ten people - mums, dads, grandparents and carers are all welcome. It is a chance for us to celebrate the good things about family life as well as looking at new ideas and strategies that we might like to try.

There is no charge for the course and all resources are provided.

Please get in touch with Judith Ledden, Home School Key Worker if you would like to know more or to book your place:

jledden@blake.oxon.sch.uk or mobile: 07864 814818.

Check out familylinks.org.uk for more information.

Cogges Pre-School:

Cogges Pre-School are currently recruiting for a new Chair of their Management Committee. This is a voluntary position that involves responsibility for both the governance and fundraising at the pre-school. The role has been filled by two co-chairs for the last 3 years, who are leaving the role at the end of this Academic year. If you, or someone you know, are interested and would like more information on the role, please contact the current co-chairs - Jen and Philippa at coggespreschool.chair@gmail.com



The Hedgehog Club at Deer Park Wood:

fun and learning in the woods



Each session runs every Friday during term time, from 10am - 12 noon, and includes hot chocolate and a biscuit, as well as hot drinks for the adults. It is open to all pre-school age children at a cost of £7 per child over 6 months of age and £6 for siblings. (If you sign up for a term and pay in advance you only pay £6 per session!)

What is it?

The Hedgehog Club is based on the principles of Forest School, where the children learn by playing and exploring their natural environment. This approach helps children become more independent and develops their social and physical skills. The activities are led by what the children are interested in and are not directed by the adults. By signing up to a term at a time you are allowing your children to build on their learning from week to week. They will gain confidence in the surroundings and develop a relationship with the natural world. For more information about Forest School and the benefits to children, please see

www.forestschoollassociation.org

What will they do?

The activities will take place at Deer Park Wood opposite the Deer Park Estate in Witney. Your child will be able to:

- Climb trees
- Play in the mud
- Build dens
- Listen to stories around the fire, tell their own stories
- Search for bugs and other mini-beasts
- Make things from sticks
- Play in the mud kitchen
- And go wherever their imagination takes them....

To book your place:

Please contact Mandy at thehedgehogclub123@gmail.com

I will send you a booking form and details of how to pay.

Do get in touch if you have any other questions.

Taster Session: Friday 4th May. Come along and give it a go before paying for the rest of the term.

Check out The Hedgehog Club Face Book page for information on the club currently running at Witney Community Primary School.