



# 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: Perseverance**

**Newsletter Term 3: 2018/19 (16)**

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**Dear Parents/Carers,**

*Congratulations to all the Year 2 "secret agents" and Year 6 children for completing their SATs so positively. I would also like to congratulate all the children in Years 3 and 4 for practising so hard in their rehearsals of Practically Perfect; I am looking forward to watching a performance next week. Thank you to all their teachers, teaching assistants and other grown-ups, who are helping to make the production such a success.*

**Tim Edwards-Grundy**

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## **Values Award Certificates:**

Congratulations to last week's winners:

Gabriel Pal Kosenina, Kate Reynolds, Alexander Curtis,  
Phoebe Meagher, Layla Hewett, Freddie Plumb, Maisie  
Harrison, Jude Smith, Isaac Perks, Noah Young



## **Year 6:**

Year 6 would like to thank Mrs Benson's company, *B. Engaging*, for providing them with a generous donation towards their "end of SATs" celebrations. They would also like to thank Pizza Express for supplying them with some pizzas. Many thanks also to the parents who have kindly contributed to fund additional treats. Well done Year 6 for your efforts and achievements; enjoy a well-deserved rest this weekend.

## **Non-School Uniform Day:**

Next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, we will be holding a non-school uniform day to raise funds for topping up our playground equipment. As usual, we would ask please for voluntary donations of £1. Please could children hand their money to their teachers on Friday morning. Thank you.

## **Outdoor Areas:**

We are busy making plans to develop our outdoor areas, including a vegetable garden. We would be extremely grateful for donations of any of the following items:

- Vegetable/flower plants or seeds,
- Planters,
- Compost,
- Hanging baskets,
- Bird feeder/food,
- Gardening tools,
- Gloves,
- Canes.

Please could you bring any donations to Mrs Doland. Thank you.

### Year 4 Cake Sale:

Mrs Titterton would like to thank everyone who supported her cake sale last term. The sale raised £203 for the Women V Cancer charity.

### Dates for your Diaries:

- Year 5 Partnership Concert - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May
- Years 3 & 4 Production - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 1.45pm
- Years 3 & 4 Production - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 5.30pm
- Non-School Uniform Day - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May
- Term ends **at 3.15pm** - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May
- **INSET Day - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**
- Term begins - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June
- Parent Forum - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 2.15pm
- Summer Fair - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 12 - 3pm
- Leavers' and Sport Photos - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 2 Trip - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June
- KS2 Sports Day - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am (Reserve Date Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June)
- Reception & KS1 Sports Day - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am (Reserve Date 1<sup>st</sup> July)
- Reception Races - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 1.45pm (Reserve Date Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July)
- M&M Production KS2 - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June
- School Discos - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 4.30pm (Reception & KS1) & 6pm (KS2)
- Year 6 Transfer Days - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July
- Quiz Night - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July
- Reception Trip - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 6 Performance - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm
- Year 6 Performance - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm
- Reception Performance - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm
- Year 6 Leavers' Service at St. Mary's Church, Cogges - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 10am
- Year 6 Leavers' Party - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July
- Term ends **at 1.30pm** - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July



## THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Oxford & Cambridge Singing School is for children aged 7-13 who love to sing. Established in 2013 at St Catharine's College, Cambridge, we now run courses in Oxford, Cambridge, London and Guildford. Courses involve world-class teaching in choral singing, history, theory and much more; intended to encourage and inspire.

*'Thank you for all you do - I don't know what we'd do without you in the holidays!'*

*'My son loves your courses. It's the only thing he sets his alarm for.'*

*'My daughter came home 'buzzing' each day. She loved everything about it!'*

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please look at [www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk](http://www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk) or email [oxbridgess@gmail.com](mailto:oxbridgess@gmail.com)

**SUMMER COURSE**  
OXFORD: MAGDALEN COLLEGE  
25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> July

[www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk](http://www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk)

## SPACE /STORE

### ACTIVITIES



Tim Peake Replica Solid Space Suit



Virtual Reality



Meteorite Demonstration



Eat Like an Astronaut

Come and enjoy this 2-hour space experience for all ages!

This package includes 2 Virtual Reality Experiences, donning a replica Tim Peake space suit, augmented reality, eating like an astronaut, holding rocks older than the planet itself, and more!

Our hands-on experience, hosted at the Orchard Centre in Didcot, makes this a day both kids and adults won't forget!

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**EXCEL** Tennis Academy

**FAMILIES**

**KIDS**

**ADULTS**

# TRY TENNIS FOR FREE

**Witney Lawn Tennis Club**

**Sunday 19th May : 10am - 2pm**

**Sessions:**

Children aged 4 - 16    Adult Cardio Tennis  
Adult coaching - all abilities    Family Time

[www.witneytennisclub.co.uk](http://www.witneytennisclub.co.uk)

## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES WITNEY & ABINGDON

Would you like to support young people with additional needs?

We're looking for volunteers to be part of a team running out of school clubs. If you are interested in helping young people with additional needs with any of the following activities such as Playing, Cooking, Gardening, Music, Crafts, we would love to hear from you. If you can spare one afternoon per week from 3pm - 6pm term-time, or if you are available during school holidays from 9am - 3pm, we can train and support you in doing a really worthwhile job. You will make a real difference.

**Want to know more?**

- Telephone Emma Harvey for an informal chat on 07711 188388.
- Email: [emma.harvey@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:emma.harvey@barnardos.org.uk)
- Or see the Barnardo's website [www.barnardos.org.uk](http://www.barnardos.org.uk)

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**Barnardo's**

## Family Tree Fostering

JOIN OUR FAMILY SO YOU CAN GROW YOURS.



Have you ever thought about becoming a foster carer? Family Tree Fostering are a brand new independent fostering agency who are looking for new and existing foster carers in the Oxfordshire area. All training, support, development and allowances are provided. If you would like to find out more email [enquiries@familytreefostering.com](mailto:enquiries@familytreefostering.com) or call us on 01235 250235 or visit our website [www.familytreefostering.com](http://www.familytreefostering.com) for more information.

Due to the retirement of the existing caretaker at West Witney Primary School in July, they are looking to recruit a successor. The job is advertised online on OX1 jobs and is also in the Witney Gazette, Oxford Times and Oxford Mail. The start date for the role is 1<sup>st</sup> July. Visits can be arranged to the school by calling the office on 01993 706249. The job description and application form are on their school website under the 'Recruitment' tab. Please follow the link below for the advert on OX1 jobs:

<https://www.ox1jobs.com/job/school-caretaker-cfb173fe>

# TECH CLUB

**28th - 31st May**

**VIDEO GAME DESIGN**  
Calling all aspiring game designers! This day teaches students design principles so they can create characters and dynamic game interfaces.

**ROBOT LAB**  
Get hands-on with the latest robots and power them with code. Exploring variables, events, conditionals and encouraging creativity!

**WIRELESS CIRCUITRY**  
Dive into STEM technology with wireless motors and lights. This includes coding the blocks and connecting them to solve circuit challenges.

**AUGMENTED REALITY**  
Engage with your imagination! Learn key AR concepts, motion sensing and video control skills to bring virtual characters to life through a digital screen.

**PLUS ROBLOX EDUCATION**

**PLUS MINECRAFT REDSTONE**

**PLUS MINECRAFT MODS**

**PLUS ROBLOX EDUCATION**

\*Activity order may not be the same as this flyer, consult website for day by day activity list for your school\*

**THE KINGS SCHOOL**  
NEW YATT ROAD, WITNEY, OX29 6TA  
28TH MAY - 31ST MAY 2019  
9 AM - 3 PM  
AGES 5 - 11

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD ONLINE PLEASE VISIT:  
[WWW.NEXTTHING.EDUCATION](http://WWW.NEXTTHING.EDUCATION)