



# 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: Honesty

Newsletter Term 1: 2018/19 (4)

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*Please do congratulate your children, who have done really well settling into their new classes and year groups this term. They have responded well to Art and RE week; some of them have asked big questions, while others have responded with deep answers.*

*I would like to wish you all a good half term break. I look forward to seeing the children back in school, refreshed and ready to take on new challenges.*

*Tim Edwards-Grundy*

## Values Award Certificates:

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Edward Patchett, Joshua White, Edward Airey, Holly Dibsdall, Zachary James, Amelia Bywaters, Amber Peace, James Buchan, Abbie Russell, Bethany Airey, Kayla Denham, Keenan Sprague, all the Year 6 pupils who went to Quinta



## Quinta:

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils for a fantastic week in Quinta. We hope you have found time to look at the photos on the school website. If you cannot find a photo of your child, please do ask a member of staff.



## Medication in School:

If your child keeps medication in school, e.g. an inhaler or epi pen, please may we remind you to complete a *Parental Agreement for School to Administer Medicine* form at the beginning of each academic year. Please could you ensure that your child's medication is in date and that you take home any medication that is no longer needed in school. A copy of the agreement can be found on our website, together with the school's *Administering Medicine Policy*, or you can ask for a copy from the school office.

## Year 6 Secondary School Transfer Reminder:

If you have not yet applied for your child's secondary school place, please may we remind you that the closing date is **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

## Poppies:

Once again this year we are supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. As usual, children will be able to buy a poppy in class for a small donation. This year we also have available from the school office: rulers, friendship bracelets and snap bands\* at £1 each, pencils, sharpeners, erasers, wristbands and poppy reflectors at 50p each. If your child would like to purchase any of these additional items, please send the money to school in **a sealed envelope labelled with your child's name, class and which item/s they would like.** Please be aware that we only have a limited stock of these items.

*\*Please note that snap bands must be taken home on the day of purchase and not kept in school.*

## Swimming Hats:

Please could we remind you that all children must have a swimming hat for school swimming lessons and that we do hold a supply of hats in the school office at a cost of 62p.



Cogges Church will be holding an Alternative Halloween party to offer an alternative to "trick or treating" on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October from 5 – 6.30pm. All treats, no tricks! Come dressed in bright colours or as your favourite hero. No scary costumes please. For all primary aged children (siblings are also welcome). All children must be accompanied by an adult (refreshments and food for kids will be provided.)

Please sign up so we know how many are coming:  
<https://stmaryscogges.churchsuite.co.uk/events/2lz3jsdm>



## Dates for your Diaries:

### INSET Day - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Half Term Holiday - 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> October

Closing Date for Secondary Transfer

Applications - 31<sup>st</sup> October

Friends' Quiz Night - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

School Discos - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Christmas Fair - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Flu Vaccinations (Reception - Year 5) - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Reception Performance - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Years 1 & 2 Performance - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

Years 3 & 6 Carol Service - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in St. Mary's Church, Cogges

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Years 4 & 5 Carol Service - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

December at 2pm in St. Mary's Church, Cogges

Term Ends - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December **at 1.30pm**

**What?**  
Fun, food, games and a look at what it means for Jesus to be our light. Free!  
All primary school aged children welcome!



**When and where?**  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 5-7pm  
The Welcome Church, Witney, OX28 6HL



# SUPERHERO PARTY!

Come dressed as your favourite superhero!

For more information...  
Contact Hannah Jackson on 01993 778209 or visit the Welcome Church website <https://www.thewelcomechurch.org.uk/diary/> to sign up





# FREE

## CYCLE & TOOL SECURITY MARKING EVENT

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### The Leys Witney

10am – 2pm  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 18**

Cycle Helmet checks  
Try the new Ecovoltz Electric Bikes

## TESCO Bags of Help



18<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you very much for having us in school to do Bikeability with your children. It is wonderful to see the Year 6 children again and spend 8 hours cycling on local roads with them. We also met Year 5 for the first time for a 2-hour fun packed playground session. We hope the children enjoyed it as much as we did; they should be very proud of gaining the skills and confidence to ride safely on the roads. As well as running Bikeability in 16 schools in West Oxfordshire, we have a bicycle workshop on Corn Street. At the workshop, volunteers from all walks of life help us to recondition donated bikes – some of which are given to people who need one (including some children who do Bikeability) and others are sold to cover our costs.

We have been selected as one of three projects in the Tesco Bags for Life programme. Throughout November and December 2018, if you make a purchase in a local Tesco (including Cogges), you can take a token to vote. Please consider voting for us. If we win, we will be able to expand our Build-a-bike programme. By helping young people with additional needs to build a bike, they gain skills and confidence, as well as the means to get to shops, social centres and employment.

You can also help by donating any bikes you no longer need and by coming to the project for all your bike repair needs – we do repairs and servicing at competitive prices. If you would like to stay in touch, you can like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter or Instagram or visit us at 152b Corn Street OX28 6BY.

Many thanks,

Kath and Brigitte  
Windrush Bike Project  
[admin@windrushbikeproject.uk](mailto:admin@windrushbikeproject.uk)

### Digital Collection Afternoon, 2nd Nov., 2-5pm

Do you have a story and/or photographs or other items connected to women in your family or community who have done something pioneering in their lives?

The Rumble Museum is holding a digital collection afternoon to preserve these stories, memories, and objects. We are also looking for World War One and World War Two artefacts and stories. We will record your story or photograph any objects and these will be uploaded to a national online database. The website will be freely available to anyone to use and will preserve these objects and documents. Please come along to Cheney School Library with your objects between **2 and 5pm on Friday 2nd November**. We will have experts on hand to help to give you more information on the items. There will also be artefact-handling, refreshments and an opportunity to talk to members from the wider community.

For more information

contact [lorna@irisproject.org.uk](mailto:lorna@irisproject.org.uk)

This is part of a national project called 'Lest We Forget', co-ordinated by the University of Oxford -

see <https://www.facebook.com/OxfordLWF/>

Please contact us in advance with rough details of what you will be bringing along.

Details

at <https://rumblemuseumsuffrage.wordpress.com/2018/08/01/womens-suffrage-and-ww1-collection-afternoon-2nd-november/>

## CARTERTON COMMUNITY DAY

23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2018 10AM – 2PM

THE ALLENDALE CENTRE  
8 BURFORD ROAD  
CARTERTON  
OX18 3AA



### On The Day

Come and join in the Carterton Family Fun Community Day at The Allendale. There are lots of activities throughout the day with free food and refreshments available.

Activities available on the day

- Zumba (10:15am - 11am)
- Air Play
- Boxercise (11:15am - 2pm)
- Smoothie Bike
- Sling Dancing (11:15am-12pm)
- Music Session
- Badge Making
- Buzz Game
- Puppet Making



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Let the festive fun be-gin!

Join us for an evening of gin tasting and live music at Madley Park Hall on 1 December to raise money for much needed fun and inclusive play areas on Madley Park.

For tickets and more information

@ActivateMadley on Facebook and Twitter or email [ActivateMadley@gmail.com](mailto:ActivateMadley@gmail.com)