



Blakesley CE Primary School

Newsletter 6/10/2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a busy couple of weeks with our Harvest Festival celebrations, Blakesley Allotment visit and Harvest Soup preparations culminating in our Harvest Souper...



Thank you to all of the children, parents, staff and our friends from the Blakesley community that supported these events and made them possible – what a wonderful school community we have! Our Harvest Souper event raised a fantastic £75 which will be split between the School Council's choice of a charity and something we need for the school! Thank you for your contributions.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to our fantastic FABS who organised a 'sell out' coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. It was lovely to be joined by members of the village community who had responded positively to the invitations that the children made and posted around the village. An amazing £374.50 was raised.

Thank you to everyone who contributed cakes, came for coffee and to our Year 6 'Baristas' who, I'm told, gave service with a smile!

Meet the School Council!



Our school councillors are up and raring to go! Tasked with decisions about whole school trips; clubs they'd like to see in school; rewards for our Reading Wall scheme and where to spend our Harvest Souper money; our next meeting should bring some exciting plans for the pupils of Blakesley.

Football Success

On Wednesday 4th October, we entered 2 teams into the Sponne Cluster football tournament. Mrs Johnson and Mrs Bloomfield were delighted with the teams' healthy, competitive sportsmanship. A special mention was given for Joe Wright's performance in goal – well done Joe!

Our 'A' team, made up of mainly Year 5 and 6 children, came a very respectable 5th place only letting in 2 goals in the entire competition.

Our 'B' team, made up of mainly Year 3 and 4 pupils with excellent leadership from Holly Blundell, won their group. What a fantastic result!

Well done to both teams, thanks to Mrs Bloomfield and Mrs Johnson and all of the parents who supported with transport and encouragement.



New Staff

We would like to welcome Mrs Ella Sutton to our staff; she will be joining us to teach Class 4 on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Mrs Sutton is a Science specialist who brings a wealth of KS2 experience, particularly in Year 6 with her. I know that you will join us in making Mrs Sutton welcome.'

Spelling workshop

Our Spelling workshop was really well attended, parents fed back that it was 'great to see the different methods used in the classroom' and that they were provided with 'some great ideas to use at home'. Thank you to those who attended for the positive feedback.

We will be running a **Phonics workshop for parents** of children in Years Reception through to Year Two on **Tuesday 7th November**. Please come in at the start of the day with your children to see how the children learn Phonics. We will start the workshop with an introductory talk from Mrs Fox, followed by the opportunity to see Phonics being taught at different stages throughout Key Stage 1. Please come and join us!

Lining up in the morning

After half term, Reception class will join the rest of the school in lining up as the bell goes in the morning. Please could parents support us with this by saying goodbye to their children before they line up and moving to stand behind the line or towards the school gate. It will be great to see the youngest members of our school community joining us to say good morning!

Bus Permission slips

Please ensure that you let us know when your child will be travelling home using the school bus service. It is vital that we have clear communication each week to keep your child safe. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your diary

Parents' Evenings

Monday 16th October 3.30 – 5.30pm

Thursday 19th October 5.30 – 7.30pm

Please note, Parents' Evening for Year One children will be between 3.00 and 5.30pm on Thursday 19th October.

FABS school disco

FABS are organising a school disco on **Friday 20th October**. Full details to follow!

Half term

We break up for our half term holiday on **Friday 20th October** . Monday 30th October is a training day for teachers; the school will re-open to pupils on **Tuesday 31st October**.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,
Sally Beaton.