

Blakesley CE Primary School  
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September 30<sup>th</sup> 2022

### Newsletter 4 T1



### Harvest Festivals

On Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, we shall begin collecting at school donations of packets and tins, which will then be displayed at the Harvest Festival. The Harvest service is to be held in St Mary's Church, Blakesley on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am. All donations will be shared with nearby foodbanks helping local families in need.

Please note that there is a Harvest Service at Litchborough Church at 4pm this Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, which will be followed by a supper. All are welcome to attend.



### Basketball

The interest shown in seeking membership of the Hotshots after school club on a Friday was staggering. In order to accommodate the large numbers of keen basketball players and to ensure all were given a place fairly, the children have been split into two groups, taking into consideration both siblings and friendship groups. Forty three of our pupils have now signed up.

In the near future, we will be conducting a short survey to try and determine what other clubs would be of interest to our pupils and whether families might be prepared to pay for certain activities. In the meantime, any thoughts, suggestions or potential offers are always welcome.



### Being Green with Technology

Attached to this newsletter is a guide on how to be green with your technology. In the guide, there are suggestions how to help the environment by donating your old devices to charity, reusing your smartphones or by recycling batteries.

Most people would agree that humans are taking too many resources from the earth and not leaving the world in a fit state for future generations. The way old technological products are discarded is one example: if we throw them away, the poisonous lead and mercury inside may get into the food chain through the soil. Hopefully, the leaflet is a thought provoking read and one you might discuss with your children.

*Compassion Courage Fellowship Thankfulness Wisdom*



## Census Day

It is census day next Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The school receives funding for every child that orders a school dinner on this day and we will be running a special menu. See below.

Main	Side	Dessert
Bear Grylls Chicken with Gamekeepers chips Savannah Sunshine Pasta Jungle Jumble Curry and Wholegrain rice Jaguar Jacket potato	Leopard Spotted Vegetables Serengeti Salad Bar Lions Pride Freshly Baked Bread	Fresh Fruit Yogurt Chocolate Cookie

This is a fantastic opportunity for those that do not regularly book a school dinner to try something new. If your child is not sure about school dinners you are more than welcome to book one for census day and send your child in with a packed lunch as a back-up option.

We are keen for as many children as possible to have a school dinner on this day. Last year's response was phenomenal and as a result, the school was well funded.



## Applying for places in Reception at Blakesley CE for September 2023

As previously stated the process has begun for entry into reception at primary schools from the start of the new academic year in September 2023.

If you know of anybody who is likely to be seeking a place for their child, please ask them to consider applying to our school. Open mornings for prospective parents are being held here, at Blakesley CE, on Thursday 13th October 2022, from 9.15am– 10.45am and on Wednesday 9th November 2022, from 9.15am – 10.45am. Please promote our school, with as many people as you can. Thank you.



## Secondary Admissions: School places for Year 7 pupils in 2023

This is just another reminder that the West Northants Council portal is open for Secondary school applications. Applications close at 5pm on 31st October 2021. Failure to submit an application by the deadline may result in an application being treated as a late applicant and only allocated a place once all first round applicants' places have been filled. Please do not leave any applications to the last minute.

Please follow the link to West Northants Council's School Admissions page for more information about the application process: <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/secondary-school-places>

### **Training Day**

Please remember the school is closed to pupils on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October as it is a Training Day for staff. Thank you.

### **Future Dates**

- 3/10 Start Harvest Collection of produce
- 9/10 Harvest Service in the Church
- 11/10 and 12/10 Parents Evening
- 13/10 Prospective Parents Morning
- 31/10 Applications for Secondary school need to be submitted
- 31/10 Training Day School closed

If there are aspects of the newsletter that you would like to discuss or if you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,  
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