

Blakesley CE Primary School
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Harvest Festivals



Thank you to Arthur, Leo, Grace, Sophie, Amy, Freya, Phoebe, Oliver, Arlo, George, Katelyn and Livy for all playing their part in the Harvest Festival Service held at Litchborough Church on Sunday. It was wonderful to hear of so many children participating so eagerly. This coming Sunday, 9th October, the Blakesley Harvest service is being held in St Mary's Church, commencing at 1030am. All are welcome to attend. Thank you too for all the donations of packets and tins, which will be shared with nearby foodbanks helping local families in need.



Tag Rugby

Well done to all of our children who represented their school in the Sponne Tag rugby festival yesterday. We entered a mixed Y3Y4 team and a mixed Y5Y6 team too. Although it was a tough tournament, all of the games were fast and exciting. Every one of our players did us proud. All kept running and tackling, displaying determination and perseverance in abundance. The Y3Y4 enjoyed the festival games and the Y5Y6 finished 3rd in their competition.



Parents' Evening

Notification of finalised slots for appointment times have been issued to your children today, in paper form. Please check book bags. Should there be any problems with timings issued please make contact with your child's class teacher directly. They will do their best to be accommodating if changes are necessary.

If you would like to see your child's workbooks, they will be available, prior to your appointment time, outside your child's classroom. Timings of appointments are ten minutes in length. Should there be the need to require more time please request the opportunity to arrange another meeting.



Blakesley Calendar

If anyone has any photographs that they would like to be considered for the Blakesley Calendar 2023 please email them to Victoria.j.rogers@hotmail.co.uk before 14th October. It would be lovely to have some entries from our children at school. There is a separate judging section for under 12s, so if you know a budding young photographer please encourage them to enter. The only rules are that the photograph must be of a landmark, a place or of some scenery from Blakesley or the surrounding villages. (No pictures of people please.) Photographs taken on a mobile phone are perfectly acceptable. All the money from sales of the calendar will go directly to Blakesley Preschool.



Equestrian Competition

Good Luck to Olivia, Jess E, Polly, Sybil, Tilly, Tabby, Lottie, Lily and Bertie who are competing in the first NSEA competition of the academic year at Bury Farm on Saturday. For some it is their first time representing their school. Hope it all goes well.



Twisted arts/Trickers

Unfortunately, Twisted Arts(Trickers) have informed us that they will be unable to run their sessions on Thursday 10th November. Apologies for any disappointment or inconvenience that this may cause. There are still places available to join this club. If interested, please contact Matt directly on 07387113052.



Consultation

Blakesley CE school has always considered the possibility of providing pre-school provision as part of a Foundation Unit and we feel the time is now right, following the pandemic, to look into this further.

Our proposal is to take in a relatively small number of pupils of nursery age (from 3+) and integrate them into our Reception class from an agreed date. Part of the proposal would also be to ensure all children, including those potentially joining the school, are able to access wrap around care. Given the challenges facing school budgets nationally at present, anything we can do to help maximise our funding will also help the whole school in providing well resourced, quality provision.

Whilst we begin to consider such a proposal, however, we do need to know if this would be something that our community would want. Would our existing parents welcome the school changing in this way? Is there the demand for additional nursery places?

As part of the consultation process, a meeting is being held on October 20th, 6.30pm in the school hall, in order for us to explain our proposal in more detail and to gain your views. All are welcome to attend. All your thoughts on this proposal are being sought. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to email your views to this address: head@blakesley.pdet.org.uk. The consultation will be open until noon on Friday 4th November 2022.



Applying for places in Reception at Blakesley CE for 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. A very encouraging amount of interest has been shown so far but please continue to promote our school, with as many people as you can. Thank you.



Secondary Admissions: School places for Year 7 pupils in 2023

Yet another reminder that the West Northants Council portal is open for Secondary school applications. Applications close at 5pm on 31st October 2021. 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 31st October, as it is a Training Day for staff. Thank you.

Future Dates

- 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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