

Blakesley CE Primary School
Blakesley
NN12 8RD
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Newsletter 7 T1



Consultation Meeting

Last night the consultation meeting was held to discuss the proposal of taking in a small number of pupils of nursery age (from 3+) and integrating them into our reception class from an agreed date. This meeting gave an opportunity to explain in more detail the proposal and also a chance to gain our community's views. The consultation period remains open until noon on Friday 4th November 2022. Please feel free to email your views to this address: head@blakesley.pdet.org.uk .



Reception Class Blakesley CE for September 2023

The next open morning of our school will be on Wednesday 9th November 2022, from 9.15am – 10.45am. Interest in viewing our school appears to remain high. Therefore we are more than willing to hold another extra session if necessary. Please continue to promote our school, with as many people as you can. Thank you.



Music tuition

On Wednesday, Rob Fleming, our brass musical peripatetic teacher visited classrooms enticing all pupils to take up music tuition and to attempt to master playing a new instrument. If your child is interested please make contact with the school office: C.bowman@blakesley.pdet.org.uk Please note there are contractual obligations and costs involved.

There are many reasons and benefits to be gained from learning to play a musical instrument. Persevering teaches patience and develops resilience. Responsibility and self-esteem can be boosted. There is plenty of evidence to show that learning to read music actually helps improve reading skills and memory capacity. But above all it is fun to do. Why not give it a go?

If your child is already playing an instrument, please continue to encourage them to practice, regularly. It does pay off in the end.

Compassion Courage Fellowship Thankfulness Wisdom



Pantomime

Please ensure payments have been made for the visit of the M&M Theatre production: Pantomine Snow White being staged on Friday 11th November. Payments should be made on Parent Pay as soon as possible. Ensure all Parent Pay accounts for each individual child are activated. To avoid any confusion, please note this a whole school performance for all pupils and nothing to do with the wonderful Christmas trip that FABs are in the process of organising.



Launch event

The launch of the Teen Clinic in Daventry is being held on Wednesday 26th October. This event is running from 12pm-6pm at the function room at the Arc Cinema , Mulberry Place, Daventry , NN12 4GU. The clinic itself will start on Monday 7th November in Daventry. It will run as a pilot, initially monthly, providing services for young people regarding physical and mental wellbeing, sexual health and contraception. Signposts to other local support services will be made available too. More details can be found in due course on the website www.teenclinicdaventry.co.uk



Attendance

It is noticeable that as we edge towards holiday periods families are asking for permission to take their children out of school. Please know that these days off school cannot be authorised. Attendance records are being scrutinised regularly. A new School attendance officer is in post within West Northamptonshire and termly meetings are held looking at our school's attendance figures. Pupils will become a cause for concern when attendance percentages for an individual falls below 90%. Contact will be made with these families. Within the county more families are being fined for taking their children out of school. Missed time away from school cannot be replaced.



Flu

The flu vaccine is being administered in school on Friday 4th November 2022. If you would like your child to receive the vaccine, please can you ensure that consent is given via the link below as soon as possible. The link will close 72 hours before the session at 8.30am on Tuesday 1st November. Consent cannot be given on the day.

<https://www.nhft.nhs.uk/flu>

Police advice

As Halloween is fast approaching, the police have distributed seasonal posters to all schools advising children and parents of the dangers surrounding 'Trick or treating'. Everyone needs to be safe. Please read and share the poster attached with your children.



Basketball in Term 2

In the new term, the basketball groups will now swap days and coaches. Both sessions will run from 3:15pm until 4:00 p.m. The dates for each group are as follows:

Group 1 are now with Mr Hill (Tuesdays) – 08/11 15/11 22/11 29/11 06/12. Please note the start date for this group is Tuesday 8th November. (Second Tuesday back)

Group 2

Hotshots (Fridays) – 04/11 11/11 18/11 25/11 02/12



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

- 31/10 Applications for Secondary school need to be submitted
- 31/10 Training Day School closed
- 1/11 School re-opens to pupils

T2 Provisional dates

- 4/11 Flu vaccination
- 4/11 Mufti Day
- 9/11 Prospective Parents' morning
- 11/11 9am Pantomime (No Praise assembly)
- 11/11 10.50am Remembrance Service (outside)
- 7/12 Dress Rehearsal and Nativity (Timings to be confirmed)
- 8/12 Nativity (Timings to be confirmed)
- 9/12 Christingle in Blakesley Church
- 15/12 Carols around The Tree

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.

Wishing everyone a restful break,
Laurie Hill
Headteacher