

**Blakesley CE Primary School**  
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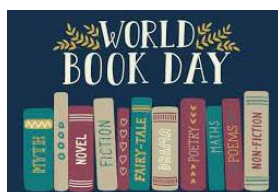
**Newsletter 1 T4**

Dear Parents and Carers,



The start of term has been far from 'flat' as the whole school, on Tuesday, participated in Pancake races organised by our Year 6 pupils. Great fun was had by all as the children raced in their house teams flipping pancakes. Once all the results were collated Kingston House (yellows) won the event.

Pancake Day marks the Christian day known as Shrove Tuesday. Our assembly on this day was led by Leah Peters from the Lighthouse Trust. She explained how Shrove Tuesday is the start of the Easter season as the date marks the eve of Lent. Lent is the fasting period which commemorates the 40 days of fasting Jesus underwent in the desert before Easter, as written in the Bible.



**Blakesley Book Day**

For our part of celebrating World Book Day, we will be hosting 'Blakesley Book Day' on Thursday 9th March. Our theme for the day is 'Traditional Tales'. We invite all our pupils to dress up, as part of our theme or if they prefer, they may dress up as their favourite character or as any character from a book of their choice. Throughout the day all pupils will be participating in a variety of activities centred around books.



**Available opportunities**

Sorry for the delay but we are still waiting to gather further details so that we can announce the availability of theatre/dance club and even more sporting opportunities.

We do have two peripatetic music teachers who visit the school once a week to give piano or brass tuition. Usually, this provision is on offer to Year 2 children upwards but there are exceptions depending on availability or potential talent. If your child is interested in anyway, please make contact with the school office: [C.bowman@blakesley.pdet.org.uk](mailto:C.bowman@blakesley.pdet.org.uk) Please note there are contractual obligations and costs involved.

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*



### **Safeguarding survey**

Thank you to everyone who completed the Safeguarding Survey and submitted their responses. The results will be analysed and points will be acted upon where necessary. The findings will be shared with all soon.

Please note our school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Laurie Hill and Emma Cox is our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. (DDSL) Should any one have any safeguarding concern or worry please make contact with either named person. Contact can be made in person, by phone or by e mail at anytime.

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### **Groupchats on mobile phones/devices**

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young children engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

Attached is a guide that offers tips on several potential risks such as bullying, inappropriate content and unknown members.

We urge all parents to regularly monitor their child's use of a mobile phone/device.



### **Consultation evening**

Parents/carers evening consultations will now be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 3.20pm-6.50pm and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 3.20pm-5.50pm. This time we are using a new electronic version to make appointments using Microsoft 365 bookings. An URL link will be distributed to all families by e mail and by text on Monday, around 10am, allowing parents/carers to select an available slot of their choosing. Once a slot is chosen parents/carers will receive an e mail of confirmation and another automatic reminder 24hrs before the meeting.



### Quiz night

Thank you to FABs for a successful Quiz night held on the final day of last term. At the moment funds raised from the evening are approximately £750+. Thank you too to everyone for supporting the event with such enthusiasm. Please look out for details of more events to be held soon.



### Praise

Well done to the following children who were nominated for Special Praise in assembly this morning. We are very proud of you all.

Pupils who received Praise from their class teachers	
Class	Names
1	Frank + Harry
2	Benjamin + Hunter-Mae
3	Hugo + Arthur
4	Monty + Sybil

### Forthcoming events

- Values Assembly 9am Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Parents' Evenings Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March
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- Blakesley Book Day Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March
- Final day of term Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March
- Training day Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March (School closed to pupils)

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.

Laurie Hill  
Headteacher

