

Blakesley CE Primary School
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Newsletter 6 T5

Dear Parents and Carers,



Parking with consideration

On Tuesday evening, I was invited to speak at the Blakesley Village AGM about the running of the school and defining its role within the local community. During the 'question and answer' session several queries and comments were made about parking around the school. It was explained that parking difficulties, particularly around drop-off and collection times are not unique to Blakesley Primary school, all schools seem to have to deal with consequences of larger volumes of traffic during certain times of the day. Some of the issues raised are listed below.

Parking issues raised:

- cars park for a considerable time on the zig zag/yellow lines outside of the school.
- cars park on the corner of the junction of Hillside View.
- cars sometimes block driveways on Hillside View so that neighbours cannot enter/leave their premises.
- cars park on the bend of High Street obstructing the view for drivers/pedestrians.

Having observed a number of the above points, I did state that I often have a quiet word when and where appropriate. The school is also investigating the potential development of Road Safety Ambassadors where children become involved in aspects of road safety. Teams of children encourage friends, peer groups, parents and the wider school community to think about safety on the roads. Children may design posters or banners, carry out surveys, note registration numbers or even issue 'fake' parking tickets.

However, with a little more consideration, better time-management and a little more patience, some of the concerns above could very quickly be improved.



Art week

The week commencing 3rd July, in school, will be our version of Art week. Each class will dedicate more time to creative activity. Whether studying an artist, painting, drawing, creating a collage or making a 3-d piece, all children will be supported to create an artistic creation which will then be exhibited. At the end of the week, there will be an open afternoon where all families will be invited to wander around the school to look at their children's, books, and creative work.

If there is any parent who has an artistic talent and would like to be involved, please contact your child's teacher.

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CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Clubs and activities in Term 6

After the holiday there will be a few changes to the clubs and activities on offer. With regards to the possibility of a Theatre club sadly, I feel our hopes continue to diminish. As soon as there is any definite news it will be shared.

Yoga Club for Reception, Year 1 and 2 with Mrs D'Costa will start on Tuesdays after school until 4:15pm. This will be an opportunity to move, stretch, relax and breathe. Multisensory themed sessions are planned to help the children learn how to calm their body and mind. What a great way to chill out after school! Please let Mrs D'Costa know if your child would like to attend. N.DCosta@blakesley.pdet.org.uk

Thanks to their enthusiasm, plenty of polite requests and some form filling, a small group of Year 3 pupils have successfully managed to acquire an incredible 'Warhammer' starter pack for schools. Whilst we are aware the Warhammer board game has an age guide of 12+, Leigh Churchward is keen to start running a club. Rather than playing the game as such, the club, under Mr Churchward's guidance will focus on making and painting the figurines, plus constructing models. If children would like to attend the first meeting as a taster session they are more than welcome to do so. The club is on offer to pupils in Y3 to Y6 starting on the second Monday after half-term. If you have any questions please contact Mr Churchward: hqphysicaleducation@gmail.com

We are continuing to vary our provision so we that we can cater for the wishes of a wider audience. Please note Sports club on Thursday is now open to Y1-Y4 children. Mrs Klegeris will start running a Computer club for Reception children only, on a Thursday too.

Below is an overview of the clubs that are going to be on offer to our children over Term 6.

T6 Clubs/activities					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School			GLK Gymnastics 8-8.50am Cost involved		
Lunchtime	Gardening Club Y1-Y6 Led by Rotary club		Freestyle Football Y1-Y6 Cost involved	Chess Club Y2- Y6 Nuture Natter Rec- Y6	Archery Y1-Y6
After school	Warhammer Club Y3-Y6 Starting 12 th June 3.15pm-4.15pm	Yoga Club Reception+Y1+Y2 3.15- 4.15pm		Sports club 3.15-4pm Y1-Y4	Basketball Hotshots Both groups together 3.15pm- 4pm Cost involved
		Art Club Ks2 only Y3-Y6 3.15-4.15pm		Computing Reception only 3.15-4pm	



Wellbeing: Cooking good food at home on a budget

Cooking Good is a community cooking project, originally based in rural Daventry and South Northants. It has been created to focus on helping families to cook simple, tasty and healthy food from scratch.

In this current climate, many families are thinking about cooking on a budget, going out to buy food less often and making food go further. So, whether it's simple, low-cost meals, food storage, making the most of what you have in the cupboard, or how to keep the children entertained with cooking, there is something on the website for everyone. <https://www.cooking-good.co.uk/>



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	Rafferty
2	Ella + Bertie A
3	Harry + Tod
4	Scarlett

Forthcoming events

- June 5th Start of Term 6
- New Intake Evening 19th June 7pm
- New intake days
 - 20th June (9-11.30am)
 - 27th June (9-11.30am)
 - 4th July (9am-2.45pm)
- June 30th Class Photos
- July 3rd Arts Week
- July 7th Open afternoon (2.30pm)
- July 17th End of Year reports
- July 18th Sports Day (9.30am)
- July 20th Reserve Date for Sports Day (9.30am)
- July 21st Y6 Leavers Service (9am)

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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.

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