

**Blakesley CE Primary School**  
**Blakesley**  
**NN12 8RD**  
**June 9<sup>th</sup> 2023**

### **Newsletter 1 T6**

Dear Parents and Carers,



### **Church visit**

Yesterday, all classes visited St. Mary's Church, Blakesley to take part in a workshop named 'After Easter'. Rev. Sue Stanley and her keen team of Tisha, Fiona, Liz, Bridget, Rob and Mary led sessions based on Ascension, Pentecost, Impact, Fruits of the Garden, Trinity and Ordinary Times. There is no doubt the children enjoyed listening to the stories and being involved in tasting, making and designing activities. During moments of reflection, the children had to consider the example set by Jesus and how one might follow in his footsteps in our modern world.

Everyone at the school thanks Rev Sue Stanley and her team for all their time, preparation, and the engaging experience provided for our children.



### **Family Service**

On Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am, there is a Family Service being held at St. Mary's Church, Blakesley. All are welcome to attend. It is most uplifting seeing our children volunteer to help at such services. Please come along and join in together.



### **Kingston Cat**

Thank you to the children for providing suggestions of names for the cat in the wall on Kingston Close. Simon Guntrip has informed me that the cat will be named 'Kingston Cat'. Thank you to the children of Class 4 for your successful nomination.

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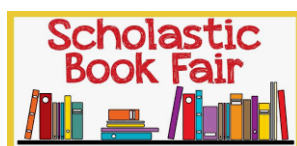


### **Reading books**

Thank you to those families who have completed the survey distributed on Monday regarding Reading Habits. For those who would like to offer further thoughts or opinions please feel free to make contact with me in person, by phone or by e mail [L.Hill@blakesley.pdet.org.uk](mailto:L.Hill@blakesley.pdet.org.uk)

Further surveys regarding other aspects of reading will be distributed throughout this term. We are in the process of trying to improve our provision of reading material across the school, and to replenish our stocks of free- choice, accelerated reader and phonics material. If any family has any unneeded reading books that they would be prepared to donate to school, please contact your child's teacher. All appropriate books in good condition will be gratefully received.

A Book Amnesty is being held next week. Could all parents and children please check for any school reading books at home that may have been misplaced and not returned to school yet. No questions will be asked. Please just return them as soon as possible. Thank you.



### **Book Fair**

A Scholastic Book Fair is being held at school from 27<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July. Finer details will be e -mailed out from the office next week.



### **Fizzy Friday Collections**

Thank you for the donations given on Fizzy Friday. This was a one off event in support of charity:water: a non-profit organization that provides drinking water to people in developing nations. A total of £45 was raised.

### **Safeguarding: Keeping children safe**

With the finer weather finally beginning to appear it is lovely hearing the children making plans of playing outside together after school, for example going to the park. Please have conversations with your children about staying on pavements, road safety and the potential dangers of traffic.

It would also be wise to have conversations at home with your children about staying safe whilst travelling to and from school. Remember, if your child is being collected from school by a different adult or family, the school office needs informing. If older children are walking to or from school independently, please take the time to discuss all possible scenarios with your child and inform your child's teacher of your arrangements.

At the end of the school day to keep everyone safe, all children need to be kept under close supervision and should **NOT** be playing on the playground or with any equipment. Please keep all younger children close at hand whilst waiting for older siblings.

Around the school gates please keep all dogs on a lead and away from other children. Recently, there have been some horrifying stories in the news about dangerous dogs. Whilst no dangerous breeds seem to be on show, no one ever knows for sure how a dog might react to an unfamiliar person or child. If it is necessary to walk a dog to school, please always be mindful of others and always keep dogs under tight control. No dogs are allowed on the school site.

Information about keeping children safe around dogs, including family pets, can be found on the RSPCA website link:

<https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/pets/dogs/company/children/safe>

The Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children website also contains some interesting information regarding keeping children safe around dogs.

### **Online safety: Anime**

Anime (hand drawn computer-generated animation) is a very popular form of media especially on-line. The unique art style is very appealing, especially to the young and is presented in many different forms in movies, on tv and in video games. The cartoonish art style of Anime can lead people to assume that all media of this type is child friendly. However, a lot of the content centres around adult themes or topics, with scenes of extreme gore, disturbing horror, and sexual content. Please make yourself aware of 'Anime' by reading the attached flyer.



### **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	Genevieve
2	Freya D + Ivy
3	Rowley + Elliot
4	Sophie + Alina

### **Forthcoming events**

- New Intake Evening 19<sup>th</sup> June 7pm
- New intake days
  - 20<sup>th</sup> June (9-11.30am)
  - 27<sup>th</sup> June (9-11.30am)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> July (9am-2.45pm)

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- June 27<sup>th</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> July Scholastic Book Fair
- June 30<sup>th</sup> Class Photos
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> Arts Week
- July 7<sup>th</sup> Open afternoon (2.30pm)
- July 17<sup>th</sup> End of Year reports
- July 18<sup>th</sup> Sports Day (9.30am)
- July 20<sup>th</sup> Reserve Date for Sports Day (9.30am)
- July 21<sup>st</sup> Y6 Leavers Service (9am)

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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