



Blakesley CE Primary School

Newsletter 1st December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christingle 2017

Thank you to everyone that joined us for this morning's Christingle Service. It was wonderful to see the community united in heralding the start of Advent and the beginning of the Christmas season. I'm sure that you will agree that it was a magical service, the children all sang beautifully. Special thanks go to our Class 3 children who led the service with such good voice and confidence; and to Miss Crosbie whose talent and hard work made sure that everything ran perfectly – Well done everyone.



Sponne Cross Country Event

On Thursday of this week, around half of our children braved the bitter elements to compete in the Sponne Cross Country Tournament. Children from Year 1 through to Year 6 competed admirably and each and every one of them made us incredibly proud of their efforts. Mrs Bloomfield, Mrs Sutton and Mrs Martin supported the children to an amazing second place in the village school's group – well done everyone!

Special mentions go to our two Pheobes – Pheobe Knight who ran to an incredible second place in her race and Pheobe Kilminster who was the only girl representing her year group; well done Pheobes!

Thank you also to all of the parents and friends who gave their time to transport the children to the event and supported them in their efforts throughout the afternoon – we really appreciate your support. Mrs Martin says that she's still defrosting!

Parent Governor Vacancy

Due to his work commitments, Ian Gardner has stepped down from his position of Parent Governor at Blakesley. We would like to thank Ian for his incredible support and commitment to the school during his term as a Governor.

We are looking to appoint a new Parent Governor to our Governing Body. If you are interested or would like to know more, please don't hesitate to come and have a chat with me. More details will be sent out in the new year.

'History Off The Page' Egyptians Days

'History Off the Page' will be in school on Wednesday 6th December (KS1) and Tuesday 12th December (KS2) to lead our children through an amazing Egyptian experience. We are really excited about the learning opportunities that the children will experience – a fantastic culmination of all of their Egyptians project work.

Please could we ask for any outstanding donations to be sent in as soon as possible. Please note that donations are used purely to cover the costs of History Off the Pages' services. School does not make any profit from the events.

Mufti Day, Friday 8th December

Children can wear their own clothes to come to school on Friday 8th December. Please send in contributions of 'luxury Christmas goods' for the Towcester Foodbank's Christmas Food Hampers. Suggested items might include: biscuits, crackers, savoury snacks, mince pies, Christmas puddings, Christmas crackers and cakes. Please ensure that items are wrapped, non-perishable and have a 'Use by' date that extends to Christmas Day. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Dates for your diary

As the Christmas season gets into full swing, we would like to share the dates of our forthcoming celebrations with you. We hope that you will be able to join us in these:

Tuesday 5th December at 5.30: Year 6 pupils will be singing in the annual **Towcester District Choir in St Lawrence Church, Towcester.**

Wednesday 6th December: History Off the Page Egyptian Day for KS1

Friday 8th December: Mufti Day please donate luxury Christmas goods for Towcester Foodbank's Christmas Hampers.

Saturday 9th December: Messy Church

Tuesday 12th December: History Off the Page Egyptian Day for KS2

Monday 18th December: School Christmas lunch, children can wear party clothes for the day as the lunch will be followed by our **Whole School Christmas Party!**

Tuesday 19th December, 2.30pm: Christmas Carols and Readings around the Christmas Tree led by Class 4. Please join us. FABS will be selling mulled wine and mince pies on the playground after the celebration.

Wednesday 20th December: school closes at 3:10 pm. Happy Christmas everyone!

Wednesday 3rd January 2018: Training Day for teachers

Thursday 4th January 2018: School re-opens for pupils.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Sally Beaton
Head teacher