



Blakesley CE Primary School

Newsletter 5th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of our new academic year at Blakesley. It has been a pleasure to see the children coming into school this morning, full of tales of their summer adventures. We welcome our new Reception children and their families to our school community, the children have settled well in their classes and feel an established part of the school already. We have in mind all of the Year 6 children that left us in the Summer to start their new secondary schools, we wish them happiness and success and know that they will continue to make us very proud.

Thank you to all of the children and parents who generously gave kind words, cards and gifts to the adults in our school at the end of last term. They were greatly appreciated. Thank you.

It's been a busy summer in school; the partition in Class 2 has been removed, opening up a lovely learning space for our Key Stage 1 children. Lockers are in place for our Year 6 children to store their belongings and a largescale clear and tidy means that the building is looking fantastic.



You may have noticed that the teepees that FABS provided are also being constructed. The children are really excited about using them and they bring to life the garden area. A huge thank you to the team of parents that gave their time to build them – they look amazing.

Whole school topic – Bread

This term, we are starting our learning focus with a whole school topic about Bread. The children will be learning about bread around the world, through history and investigating making and tasting different types of bread. If any parents have contacts in the baking profession or could share any expertise or skill in bread-making, please let your child's class teacher know.

Welcome Meetings for Parents

We will be holding our 'Welcome' meetings for parents next week. This gives parents the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, to learn about the routines and expectations for the year and to share relevant information about your child with their class teacher. The dates for Welcome meetings are as follows:

Tuesday 11th September, 2.45 – 3.10 pm Class 3, Mr Hill

Wednesday 12th September, 2.45 – 3.10 pm Reception Class, Mrs Cox

Thursday 13th September, 2.45 – 3.10 pm Class 2, Miss Castle and Mrs Darby

Friday 14th September, 2.45 – 3.10pm Class 4, Miss Crawford

Please come to the school's main entrance to sign in in line with our safeguarding procedures. We look forward to seeing you.

Open Morning for Prospective Parents (children starting school in 2019)

We will be holding Open mornings for Prospective Parents (2019 Intake) on **Thursday 4th October** from 9.30am and **Tuesday 8th October** from 9.30am. Please join us if you are interested in a place for your child.

Celebration Assembly

There will be no Celebration Assembly this week (Friday 7th September). Our first Celebration assembly of the term will be next Friday, 14th September at 9am. Please come and join us.

Clubs

Pacesetters will start their clubs next week:

Netball Monday 8.00 – 8.45 am

Gymnastics Tuesday 3.15 – 4.30pm

Look out for the booking forms being sent home today.

We will be holding **Freestyle Soccer** taster sessions in school next Wednesday 12th September, details of arrangements and how to book a place will be sent out with the children following the taster session. The club will start, during lunchtime, on **Wednesday 19th September**.

We are also offering a Drama Club taster session with **Wartsandall Drama Company** this Friday 7th September. The club will start on **Tuesday 18th September**. Details of how to book a place will be shared following the taster session.

For our Key Stage One pupils, we are offering a **French Club with Kidslingo** which will take place on a Friday lunchtime. Francesca will lead our assembly on Thursday 13th September and details of how to book a place will be shared following that.

Details of teacher-led clubs will be sent out shortly.

Term Time Holidays

We're aware that it's a busy time of year for making holiday arrangements. Please could we request that holidays are book during designated school holiday times rather than during term time wherever possible. We cannot authorise absence for holidays that are taken during term time. Thank you for your support.

Please see below the term and holiday dates for this year:

Term dates 2018-2019

Term 1

Monday 3rd September, Tuesday 4th September – Teacher Training Days

Monday 5th September - School opens to pupils

Friday 19th October - School closes for pupils

Term 2

Monday 29th October – Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 30th October – School re-opens to pupils

Wednesday 19th December – School closes for pupils

Term 3

Friday 4th January – Teacher training day

Monday 7th January – School re-opens to pupils

Friday 15th February – School closes to pupils

Term 4

Monday 25th February – Teacher training day

Tuesday 26th February - School re-opens to pupils

Friday 5th April – School closes to pupils

Term 5

Tuesday 23rd April – School re-opens to pupils

Monday 6th May – Early Spring Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May – School closes to pupils

Term 6

Monday 3rd June – School re-opens to pupils

Wednesday 24th July – End of school year, school closes to pupils.

Dates for your diaries

A full list of dates for the term is just being finalised and will be shared with you in the next Newsletter. I look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming events.

Thank you, as always for your support. If there are any aspects of the newsletter that you would like to discuss with me or if you have any issues or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
Sally Beaton
Headteacher