



Blewbury Endowed C of E Primary School

Diary updates and Office Notices

W/C 8th October 2018

Dear parents and Guardians

Learning to Learn evening – Thank you to all those parents that came along for this evening. Although it was only a small group we explored several of the 5 Rs in a practical way. This year we are working hard to ensure that alongside their academic learning, pupils are helped to develop their skills by developing further understanding of the way that Resourcefulness, Resilience, Responsibility, Reasoning and Reflectiveness can impact on their learning. The link to the presentation can be found on the front page of the website.

www.blewbury.oxon.sch.uk

Sustainable Blewbury – We were really pleased to have been asked to host this 25 year celebration and be able to support this group by displaying work from our children. Many of the children in school have worked hard to understand several of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and often refer back to them in their class work. Well done to everyone who put on such an interesting event.

Calais - Last Monday Sarah Vincent came into school. Her daughter Ellie went through Blewbury School and is now at Durham University; during this summer she spent a month cooking at the camp in Calais and has returned feeling very concerned about the onset of winter and the lack of provision for the refugees. She has decided to fill a van or vans with sleeping bags and shoes and deliver them to Calais.

We have agreed to support this and have suggested to the children that if they bring shoes they also put in a pair of socks. We will have a collection each Thursday for the next few weeks, so the first major collection date is Thursday 11th October, followed by Thursday 18th October. We will collect again on Thursday 1st November. The occupants of the camp, which includes many unaccompanied children, need all clothing but sorting this can be rather difficult. We do feel that coats would be useful alongside the sleeping bags and shoes/boots. Please help us to make this a success.

Learning to learn day – We had a great day last Thursday, thank you to everyone who came as an explorer for the day. We started our day on a very choppy boat ride and then got stranded on an island. We decided to split up into five Foundation Stage/ Key Stage one groups – some children from each of Classes 1,2 and 3 in each group. Then another five groups organised by mixing together pupils from classes 4, 5 and 6. In order to get ourselves off of the island we needed to complete several activities. To show resilience the children had to build towers out of newspaper and masking tape which would hold their 'food' in a rucksack to keep it safe from animals. To show responsibility they had to get their whole team across a swamp carrying some equipment. The resourcefulness challenge entailed filtering water using gravel, coarse sand and charcoal – some of them got it remarkably clean. Whilst exploring the island the teams found some unusual plants and some strange creatures, they had to use their reflectiveness skills to draw these accurately to be able to take them back. The final challenge used reasoning to solve various problems which gained puzzle pieces which would help enable their escape.

The children joined in really well and seemed to be very engaged.



Harvest – A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Fayre, which we were able to display. We were thrilled to be able to display so much from the school garden.

Each class contributed an element; Class 1 a song, class 2 some paintings of fruit, class 3 some posters around air miles and where our shopping is sourced. Class 4 have been looking at trees and looked at their use across the world, whilst classes 5 and 6 shared work connected to the UN sustainable development goal around food. In the afternoon we entertained 29 senior citizens for our harvest tea. Class 6 serve our visitors with the food made by the other five classes and then our harvest table is shared between our visitors, the Didcot Food Bank and some contributions towards the Big Soup Share.



The tallest sunflower competition – Thank you very much to Jo Lakeland who instigated and organised the sunflower competition. We had more entries this year with about eight families submitting photos. The winner was William Whiting in Class 2. All the competitors received a pot, some compost and some bulbs, so hopefully they will keep growing. The posters with photos are on display in school.

Cross country – Last Saturday, 6th October was the second Cross Country Competition of the season and the school was represented again by Ben Daley – Year 3 and Ewan Shayler – Year 4. The events take place at the secondary school in Sonning Common and the boys ran 1080m and 1480m respectively. We were really proud as both of them came second in their individual races, on a rather damp Saturday morning.



Football - Both the Girl's and Boy's Football teams have taken part in the preliminary rounds of English Schools Football association Tournaments last week, with one more final competition this week.

Their league games will start soon and we will hopefully be able to publish some good scores.



How we learn morning – *We have had to decide to postpone this event at the last moment due to two regular members of staff being absent tomorrow morning. We are really sorry for any inconvenience. There is still an opportunity on 18th October and the new date will be Tuesday 29th January.*

Big Soup Share – Please see posters for this event – 3.15 this Friday 12th October in the School Hall.

M.E. Mills

Diary Notices

WC 8th October 2018

TERM 1	School Lunches Week 1
Monday 8th October	Portrait & Family photographs 8:15 Karate 15:20 – 16:20 Tag rugby 15:15 – 16:15 Drama 15:15 – 16:15
Tuesday 9th October	'How we learn morning' 8:45 – 12:00 – Postponed ESFA Small School 7 a side Football – Our Lady's 15:00 Construction club 15:15 – 16:00 Dance 15:15 – 16:15 Football Y4-6 15:15 – 16:15 Gymnastics Class 2 & 3 15:30 – 16:30
Wednesday 10th October	Early Morning ICT Club 8:00 – 8:45 Swimming for confidence – Harwell School Gymnastics class 4-6 15:30 – 16:30 Hockey Ignite 15:15 – 16:15
Thursday 11th October	Cooking 15:15 – 16:00 Choir 15:15 – 16:15 Football Ignite 15:15 – 16:15 Gardening Club 15:15 – 16:15 Rising Y7 open evening KAA
Friday 12th October	Karate 8:00 – 9:00 Foundation Eye Screening Class 4 Assembly 9:15 Big Soup Sale 15.15 Class 6 cake sale 15:15 – 15:45 Running Club 15:15 – 16:00

Key Dates for your Diary

15th October	Class 4 trip to Harcourt Arboretum, Class 1 Teddy Bear Picnic
18th October	"How we learn" - Open morning
19th October	End of Term 1
29th October	Term 2 begins
30th October	Mini reports to parents
31st October	Sharing work in Classrooms 15.30 - 17.00 and 18.00 - 20.00
2nd November	Class 5 Cake Sale

All dates can be found on the school website: <http://www.blewbury.oxon.sch.uk/> here you can see the next fortnight's information on the left hand side. You can also look at the calendar for dates further ahead by clicking on Key Information/School Calendar

The school photographer will be in on **Monday 8th October** to take individual portraits and family group photos. If you have younger siblings that you would like to take part please be in school for 8:15



This event went well and you should receive proofs today or tomorrow
Orders by Wednesday 17th October please

Kingswood

Thank you for your prompt replies. We now have 75 pupils attending this adventure weekend in Staffordshire. Future news will go directly to participants. Please remember to keep paying towards the cost of the trip which is £150.

Please make sure you have put the date on your calendar.
9th –12th November 2018

If you ordered a book from the book people last term and have not received it yet please pop into the office

Parking

A polite reminder when dropping off and collecting children please refrain from using our very small staff car park. The village hall carpark is available for your use before and after school



**Sing, Dance, Act
Like your in the West End**

**Come and join us for Dance,
Singing, and Drama as we create our own version of
Beauty & the Beast**



**Monday 22nd October— Wednesday 24th
October 8.30-3.30pm,
The Northbourne Centre,
Church Street, Didcot, OX11 8DG**

**£60 for 3 days 1st child & £55 siblings — includes, snacks
and drinks**

**(Please provide your own packed lunch)
Secure your place today with a £20 deposit**

To Book Email angelsstageschool@yahoo.co.uk If you have any
questions please call Jennie on 07920 875926 or Amanda
075685321247

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YOUTH PLATOON



**For ages 9 – 12 yrs
3.45pm – 5pm
No parents!
£3.50
Please book ahead.**

WED 10TH OCT

**WW2
SPECIAL**

Explore WW2
military equipment
with local expert
and collector,
Steve Berridge

Book online at <http://www.sofa.org.uk/whats-on/>
01993 810211 education@sofa.org.uk

Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum
Park Street, Woodstock OX20 1SN
(Enter through The Oxfordshire Museum)



Full Circle Sports October Half Term Holiday Sports & Activity Camp

Come and join us to make friends, learn new skills and have fun!

Children age 5 to 13 years can participate in an exciting programme of indoor and outdoor activities,
led by qualified and enthusiastic coaches.

Activities include*: Trampolining, Climbing Wall, MultiSports, Hockey, Football, Lacrosse, Basketball,
Cricket, Rounders, Tennis, Badminton, Tag Rugby, Drama and Dance Workshops, Arts & Crafts and
much more!

*Please note that the activities listed are scheduled to take place throughout the duration of the week.

Dates: Tuesday 23rd to Thursday 25th October.

Time: 9.30 to 4.30pm (extra time of 8.30am to 5.30pm available - charges apply)

Venue: Wallingford School Leisure Centre (OX10 8HH)

Cost: £32 per day (sibling and full week discounts available)

We are also running **Focus On ...** Workshops 9.30 - 3.00pm (Extra time available)

***NEW* Mini-Medic Workshop** (7-12yrs) Tuesday 23rd October
Climbing Workshop (7-13yrs) Tuesday 23rd October

Drama Workshop (7-13yrs) Wednesday 24th October
Forest School (4-9yrs) Wednesday 25th October

***NEW* Basketball Workshop** (7-13yrs) Thursday 25th October

Cost £35

We are OFSTED registered and accept Childcare Vouchers.

For more details or to reserve your places -

Email - sam@fullcirclesports.co.uk

Call - 07751 231 090

Details and booking form also available at: www.fullcirclesports.co.uk

Transition Information 2018 -19

Didcot Girls School (DGS)

Open mornings: 11th, 15th, 17th October 09.15 -11.00

Contact: schooltours@didcotgirls.oxon.sch.uk to book a place for an Open Morning

St Birinus School for boys (SBS)

Open mornings: 10^t, 12th & 18th October 09.15 – 11.00

Contact: admissions@st-birinus.oxon.sch.uk to book a place for an Open Morning

Aureus Secondary School (ASS)

Open Mornings: 10th (SEND), 11^t, 16th & 17th (More able children) October 9.30-11.00

Please see the website or contact the school directly to book your open morning visit

www.aureusschool.org

King Alfred's Academy (KAA)

Open morning 10th October 10.00 - 12.00

Please see the website or contact the school directly for more information www.kaacademy.org

Wallingford School (WA)

Please see the website and contact the school directly for more information www.wallingfordschool.com

The Downs School (TDS)

Open Morning: 10th October 10.00-12.00

Making an application for your child:

Please see the Oxfordshire County Council Website for details.

You can now apply on line for a secondary place.

<https://www.oxfordshie.gov.uk/residents/schools/starting-school/secondary-school>

Key dates

- **31st October 2018** – closing date for applications
- **1st March 2019** – National Allocation: letters (sent by second class post) and emails sent detailing the offer of a school place

Primary School Health Nurse Team Newsletter

Term 1 Autumn 2018



This newsletter aims to provide families and young people with some useful tips for keeping healthy. Childhood is an important time to instil healthy habits and learn crucial life skills. Establishing these habits early on will help to improve your child's quality of life in the future and enable them to reach their full potential educationally.

The school health nurse service is commissioned by Public Health at Oxfordshire County Council and is provided by Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust.

The Primary School Health Teams are based in health centres or community hospitals, and work closely with families, schools and other partner agencies to help improve health outcomes for children and their families. Safeguarding children is central to all our work.

Through these newsletters we hope to highlight health topics and resources to tackle common issues that arise, and promote a healthy lifestyle for all the family.

Reception Children – School Entry Health Review

When children start primary school, it is a good time to review their health needs. The Primary School Health Nurse team offer Reception children a health review, to discuss their specific health needs. If you have concerns regarding your child's health and would like to speak to a member of the primary school health nurse team to discuss or plan the care of your child in school, please contact us.

Contact details are available at the foot of this newsletter, or from your child's school.

Flu Vaccinations

A flu vaccination will be offered at school to all children from Reception to Year 5 this winter. The vaccination is given as a quick and simple spray up the nose. Look out for your child's consent form and return it within 7 days to the school office if you would like your child to be vaccinated.

If your child becomes unwell prior to the school visit please let us know. If we are unable to vaccinate your child at school they will be invited to book into our 'catch up' clinic.

Dates of when the vaccination will be offered at your child's school or additional consent forms are available on the School Health Nurses website.

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/school-health-nurses/immunisations/flu-immunisations/>

For all flu queries please email:

Flu.schoolnurses@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

Visit the school health nurses' website for more information

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/school-health-nurses/>



School health nurses

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School health nurses

We are qualified nurses who work in close contact with schools. Our role is to provide health advice and support to children, young people and their families. We offer health reviews, discuss childhood immunisations, support for teenage parents and families with complex needs, and much more. We provide support and young people in the health of their own life, and we work with parents/carers as well as with partner agencies such as social health care services.

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Ideas for a 'healthy' lunchbox



Deciding what is best to put in your child's lunchbox can be difficult. With a little inspiration your child's lunch can be fun, healthy and tasty.

A healthy packed lunch should include something from each of the four main food groups -

starchy carbohydrates (bread, rice, potatoes, pasta), fruit and vegetables, protein containing foods (meat, fish, eggs and beans), and milk and dairy foods - as well as a drink. Here are some ideas of items for each group:

Starchy carbohydrates

- A sandwich/roll/wrap/pitta bread (trying using wholegrain varieties or 50/50)
- Pasta/couscous/rice

Protein filling

- Lean meat/chicken/turkey (add lettuce or tomatoes!)
- Fish/tuna (add cucumber or peppers!)
- Eggs
- Beans

Fruit and vegetables

- Chop raw vegetable crudités such as carrot sticks which can be great for dipping in hummus
- Fresh fruit (apple, grapes, banana, kiwi)
- Dried fruits (raisins, apricots)

Dairy

- Low fat yoghurt - plain or fruit (watch out for those high in sugar!)
- Small pot of rice pudding
- Low fat cheese slices

Added extras

- Plain popcorn or reduced fat crisps
- Sugar-free jelly pot
- A plain biscuit



(There's nothing wrong with this, just try to make healthier choices when you can)

Put in a drink - It is important to stay hydrated, so give your child a bottle of plain water, plain milk (skimmed or semi-skimmed), or no added-sugar fruit juice

For complete lunchbox ideas and tips, visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>



The school health nurse for your school is Deb Burdett

To contact the SHN Team in your locality

Tele: 01235 515503

Email: didcot.shns@nhs.net

Choose Wisely...

NHS

Help to keep pressure off A&E
by choosing the right service level
for what you need. #HelpUsHelpYou



Most common winter ailments, such as coughs & colds, can't be treated with antibiotics & are best dealt with at home with rest and a well-stocked medicine cabinet.

Your local pharmacist is a trained healthcare professional & can give you advice on common illnesses without the need to go to your GP.

Call 111 when you need medical advice fast but it is not an emergency.

If you have a persistent illness that won't go away, make an appointment with your GP.

A & E is for serious and life-threatening injuries and conditions only.

Starting or changing School

Most children love school and go on to make the most of their education, but starting or changing school can be one of the most important transitions in a child's life, and can sometimes make parents/carers feel anxious too. For some useful information and top tips on starting school visit Family Lives website:

www.familylives.org.uk



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