

## Blewbury Endowed C of E Primary School

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## School Newsletter Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this newsletter finds you and your families safe and well. It has been a busy time in school and the children have been enjoying their learning. Here is a round- up of news from each class:

### Da Vinci Class

“Some people have been learning about numbers and patterns, I have been doing hard adding up” Jai

“I have been reading, drawing and playing in the kitchen. My favourite thing is the magnetic shapes” Rae

### Goldsworthy Class

“We have been writing expanded noun phrases” Monty

“We’ve been learning about Mama Panya’s Pancake. We have been learning about the adjectives, verbs and nouns” Faith

“We have been learning about continents and writing about them in our Little Book of Continents” Riley

### Picasso Class

“We have ben sketching ourselves and other people. It was fun” Myley

“I like school – I like Art and Maths the most. In Art I sketched Carys, her hair was tricky to do” Cici

“We have been creating a non- fiction page about Ancient Greece” Florence

“In Science we have planted some plants and doing experiments to find out how plants grow” Micah



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### Klimt Class

“We have been doing subtraction with exchange up to five digits” Martha and Lewis

“I have enjoyed writing a setting for an adventure story and drawing a picture whilst listening to a story” Jacob

“I have enjoyed making carbon dioxide at school and then at home, where it exploded!” Tilley-Mae

### Banksy Class

“We have been planning a balanced argument. We are going to debate if it is ever okay to invade a country” Lily

In Maths we are learning to multiply and divide. It’s not too hard or too easy” Patrick

### Home Learning

We have now set up the Seesaw Home Learning Platform for all the children and your child will receive a QR Code in their book bag today.

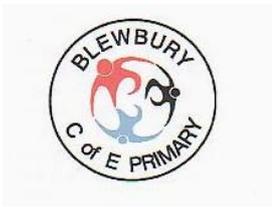
Seesaw is a secure online platform for children to receive homework (and home learning in the case of another school closure). Children are able to communicate directly with their teacher and gain feedback and comments. Children cannot see each other’s work but will have a running record of their own. Seesaw gives us more opportunities to use technology to enhance our learning and see demonstrations through videos as well as in written form. It should eliminate the need for printing and emailing back work. Today your child has brought home their Seesaw log in code. If you have not received this, please email the office or class teacher and we will provide another copy. This week, there is a short task on Seesaw to give the children a chance to have a go at using the platform. If you need any support with accessing this, please let the office know and we will help you. All the children have been shown the platform in class

As Seesaw is internet based, please ensure that you monitor your child while they are working and that the appropriate filters are set on the internet. We will also talk to the children about the safe use of the internet.



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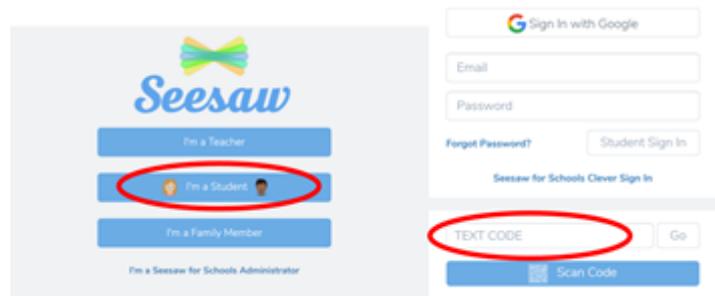
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If you do not have access to a device that can be used for this, please contact the school office.



### School Photographs

A few of you have enquired about school photographs. We are hoping we can have a photographer to do individual and class photographs at some point this academic year, but currently due to COVID – 19, we have no plans to have the photographer in school.

### Parking

We are concerned about some safety issues associated with parking outside the school.

We need to ask everyone that parks outside the school to ensure that they park safely at all times. We know that it can be difficult to find a place to park, but must insist that parents and people dropping off at school do not park on the zig zag lines. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

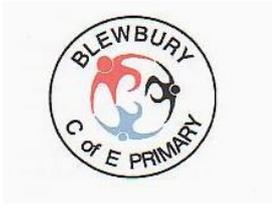
### Returning items

If you have any items belonging to school at home, including reading books, instruments and Chromebooks, from before the school closure in March, we would be really grateful if these could be returned to the school.



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### Parent Mail

We have now set up Parent Mail to enable us to communicate with all of you effectively. If you need any support with accessing this, please contact the school office. You will need to register to ensure you receive the newsletters and updates. Thank you.

### Staffing

As some members of staff are currently unable to be at work, we have the following staff in school in addition to your child's class teacher who you can contact for support, advice and guidance:

Lisa Horton – Consultant Headteacher

Grace Challans – Inclusion Advisor ODST School Improvement Team – contact Grace if you have any questions or concerns about Special Educational Needs and Inclusion.

Both Grace and Lisa are working as part of the ODST school improvement support package for Blewbury School and are enjoying working with the children, staff team and school community. Sharon Mullins Principal School Advisor for ODST is continuing to support the school.

Please telephone the office if you would like to arrange a time to talk to Lisa Horton or Grace Challans.

### Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to Winterbrook Farm for their incredible donation to the school following their successful Sunflower week which was held during the summer holidays. Thank you also to the community who donated so generously.

We hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

Blewbury Staff Tea



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