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Dear Parents and Carers

So that we are sharing information with you, here is the piece that has been written for the Blewbury Bulletin this week:

What Is Happening at Blewbury School?

We are all pleased to be back following the long break during lockdown. The children appear to be enjoying their learning and being able to see their friends again. Meanwhile the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust (ODST) has been supporting the school on its improvement journey by providing additional staff, training and resources, all of which are having a very positive impact on all aspects of the school provision. There is a team of staff which is being employed by ODST to drive forward the school's key priorities with the current staff. These staff include a Consultant Headteacher, an Inclusion Consultant, a Special Educational Needs Administrator, and an experienced Administrator, who is also reviewing all aspects of Health and Safety. In addition, the Principal School Advisor is continuing to support the school each week. The staff team have been very welcoming and supportive and it has been amazing to get some positive feedback about the changes and improvements from parents.

The PTA are hoping to encourage more people in the community to support the school by setting up the Friends of Blewbury School. The PTA have worked very hard recently to raise money for the school and we are very grateful to them all for their hard work and good ideas! We are busy thinking about creative ways we can raise money at this time when we are unable to hold events, and the children are going to help us with this. If you have any good ideas and want to help, please get in touch.

There will be an Open Afternoon for new parents on Saturday 21st November at 1:30 – 3:00 pm at the school, so that we can show prospective parents around our beautiful school and grounds, with social distancing in allocated time slots. The village pre-school children and their parents will of course be especially welcome at this event. Please tell people you know to come and visit the school to see what we have to offer.

Like many schools and organisations across the world, we are adjusting to the new normal and will continue to find ways to stay in touch with parents and the wider community. We look forward to updating you on what has been happening in school very soon, and to a time when visitors and volunteers can come into school again and share their expertise and spend time with the children

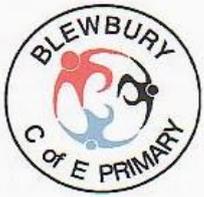
Other Items for your information:

Parking - we have been contacted by a local resident who is very concerned about the parking. Please can you be mindful when driving and parking close to the school. Please be cautious and thoughtful at all times to ensure everyone's safety (including children who are walking, cycling or using a scooter). Thank you for your cooperation.



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After half term we will be sharing the Blewbury School Development Plan with you, so you are aware of the improvement priorities and the positive impact that these improvements are having and will continue to have on the children's learning and progress. We will be sharing the details of this after half term. In addition, we will be setting up parent – teacher consultations on Zoom so that you have an opportunity for a face to face meeting with your child's class teacher. The details of this will be sent out after half term.

One of our key priorities is and will continue to be reading. Please support us with promoting reading by ensuring that your child's reading book is returned to school every day. Thank you for the support that you give your children at home by reading with them. Daily practise does make a huge difference to the progress children make.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. Your child's class teacher is your first point of contact and will be happy to support you.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Best wishes,

Lisa Horton and Blewbury Staff Team.



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