



Blewbury Endowed C of E Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Staffing News

We have held teacher interviews this week and are pleased to share with you that we have offered one of the candidates the role of DaVinci class teacher.

ODST have also supported us to find a teacher to cover Miss Calvert's maternity leave.

We hope to be able to introduce them both to you early next week and will update you with transition plans in due course.

We are also thrilled that Mrs Jacob will be staying with us to teach Banksy class each Friday, until the end of the academic year.

Covid safety

You must now wear a mask or face covering when entering the school building.

We are also asking that you wear a mask when on the school site, especially if you are talking with school staff at drop off and pick up.

If your child has any of the following symptoms:

A high temperature

A new, continuous cough

A loss or change to their sense of smell or taste

Please ensure they isolate and get tested with a PCR test as soon as possible.

If the PCR test is **positive**, your child must isolate for 10 days.

If the PCR test is **negative**, your child can return to school once well and at least 24 hours fever free (without medication).

If you have been informed that your child is a close contact with a positive case, you will be advised to take them for a PCR test, which we strongly encourage you do.

Staff are continuing to undertake 2xweekly later flow testing and we ask that as many parents and carers as possible also do this.

With rising covid numbers in the area, we thank you in supporting us to keep our school community safe and well.

Please see Parentmail sent on 2/12/21 with updates on Christmas events.

Fantastic Football #2



On Monday 22nd November, 9 pupils from Year 5 and 6 went to Goring Recreation Ground to play football against Whitchurch and Harwell. The scores were 1-0 and 1-2 to us, which resulted in us winning the tournament. Olivia and Trixie scored our goals. It was very exciting to play and was a pleasure to represent our school. *Aurelia, Banksy Class.*

Well done Team Blewbury!

Clubs

Don't forget to sign up for your FREE place in Mr Sadler's Multi-Skills club taster session. Tuesday 7th for pupils in EYFS – Year 2 and Thursday 9th for Pupils in Year 3 – Year 6. Pupils will need to change into their PE kits for the session. The taster clubs will run from 3.13-4.15.

Please email the office to book your place. Please note that spaces will be allotted on a first come, first served basis.

ParentMail Payments

Please remember to pay for your child's school lunches and breakfast/fun club fees by the end of the school term. We have had to write to a number of parents with outstanding debts, which the school has to pay if parents do not clear the amount. Please do get in touch with Mrs Bealey in the school office if you need any support with this.

Road Safety

We have had a number of reports of unsafe driving and parking on the roads outside of school.

Can we please remind you to respect our neighbours during drop off and pick up times by driving slowly and not blocking their driveways. We are very lucky to have the use of the village hall car park at these times.

Can we also remind you not to park across the entrance to the school as children walk here and staff need access through the gate.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who received a Star of the Week certificate in our celebration assemblies:

Annabel and Gwen - Da Vinci class, Monty and Benji- Goldsworthy class; Anum and Kaya – Picasso class; Abi and Millie – Klimt class; and Bea, Dash and Kie - Banksy class.

House-points

Congratulations to the following children who have received BRONZE awards for receiving 50 house-points: Ethan, Matilda, Archie, Thomas, Elspeth, Benji and Lacey-May – Goldsworthy class; Anum, Grace, Micah, Roman – Picasso Class; Chloe – Banksy class

Congratulations to the following children who have received SILVER awards for receiving 100 house-points: Olivia and Luna - Klimt Class

Attenborough	Anning	Hawking	Curie
1136	1263	1180	1072

Yours sincerely,

Miss Reeder

Head of School

Miss Austin

Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

Wednesday 15 th December	School Christmas dinner
Friday 17 th December 2021	End of Autumn term - School ends at 1.30pm

Spring Term	
Monday 3 rd January 2022	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	InSET (school closed to pupils)
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	Start of Spring Term
Monday 21 st February – Friday 25 th February	Half Term
Friday 8 th April	End of Spring Term - School ends 1.30pm

Community news



THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Singing School was established in Cambridge in 2013 to provide children and young adults with the opportunity to sing great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

This Christmas, pupils will learn some beautiful festive music from around the world and at the same time gain a background in vocal technique, music theory, music appreciation and history. The course is led by Dr Edward Wickham (Director of Music at St Catharine's College, Cambridge) and Thomas Allery (former Director of Music at Worcester College, Oxford). Families are most welcome to come and listen to an informal concert at the end of the day.

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please see www.oxbridgesingingschool.com or email oxbridgess@gmail.com

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