



BLETCHINGLEY VILLAGE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter No. 6 – 8th December 2016

Topic: On my doorstep

Focus Value: Caring

Nativities

Well done to all the children who took part in The Little Fir Tree, and thanks to all the staff for preparing the children so well. Thanks also to the office staff for organising tickets, FOBS for providing refreshments, and Mr Ward for his work on the scenery, sound and lighting.



Carol Service: (Children in Years 3 to 6)

This will be held at St Mary's Church at 1.30 on Friday 16th December. All parents/carers are welcome. **If you have children in Years R to 2 and would like them to attend the Carol Service with you please let the office know in person or via email.** Children will be allowed to go home from the church if their parents/carers wish to take them. Children who have acting parts will bring home costume requests in the next week or so.

End of term arrangements

As in previous terms, we have our final assembly (prize-giving and carol-singing) at 1 pm on Wednesday 21st December. All parents/carers are welcome to join us for this assembly. You will shortly receive an end-of-term slip to complete, telling us which option you wish to choose: attending the assembly and taking children home afterwards; collecting from the playground at 2 pm; collecting at the end of the day; child/ren to attend Osoah's. Please return these promptly to help ensure an orderly handover.

Emergency Plan

The school has an emergency plan which would come into effect in the event of a serious incident occurring at or near the school site. This is reviewed and updated each term by the Health and Safety Committee and a copy is sent to the Local Authority.

The plan includes arrangements for evacuation of the building, should this be necessary, and we nominate a "place of safety" to go to. This is currently St Mary's Church, as it is open all day, with the hope of being able to use Church House if the evacuation lasts beyond a certain time.

It is possible that if we need to evacuate the building we would need to ask parents to collect children from the church or from Church House. The emergency management team recently carried out a test evacuation (with imaginary children!) and have planned a strategy for this eventuality. We would ask you to note the following:

- You will be kept informed by text and/or email
- You will be asked to collect children at set times to avoid congestion near the church and it is really important that you adhere to these times.
- If children have to go home, work will be provided by teachers via Fronter
- If the school were to close for an extended period (e.g. due to fire damage) the local authority would provide alternative arrangements, and these would be communicated to you via text/email

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Ward, Mrs Wilkes or a member of the senior leadership team.

Parent Survey

We will be sending out a parent survey via Survey Monkey next week. This is to get updated views on the newsletter, website and other suggestions for supporting home-school communication. Your views are important to us, so please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

Thread-worms

This is just to let you know that one or two children have picked up thread-worms, which are largely harmless but uncomfortable and irritating. To treat them, you need one small tablet but you must treat the whole family. To prevent them from spreading, keep children's nails cut short and make sure they know how to wash their hands thoroughly.

Nativity and Music Concert DVDs

If you would like a copy of either of the above two shows please can you order them with the office. The cost of the DVDs will be £5 each. The deadline for orders will be 17th December. DVDs will be available for collection in the New Year.

Severe weather arrangements

Whilst the very cold weather has left us for the moment, it may well be back! In the event of severe ice or snow, we may need to make special arrangements. Generally, a later start and earlier finish has been very effective in allowing pupils and staff to travel safely whilst remaining open and continuing to provide education each day. We have a policy on our website, and we publish arrangements via local radio, the website, Surrey's website, email and text messages.

Applications for school places

The Local Authority would like to remind parents and carers that the closing date for applications for Year R is January 15th. They would welcome early applications and would appreciate applications being completed over the Christmas holidays! If you need to submit an application, Mrs Marshment is always happy to help.

Fostering – Please see separate attachment

Anti-Bullying Policy:

We are planning to produce a version of this policy for children next term. If you are interested in joining in with this project, please would you give your name to the office. Thank you.

Academy Consultation

Following the two drop-in sessions, further FAQs are attached. The consultation period closes tomorrow, Friday 9th December.



Mobile Phones:

A reminder that no adult should use a mobile phone on school premises when children are present – thank you for your co-operation.

Attendance

Purple Sapphire won last week's attendance award with 96.4%. Well Done

Online Safety Tip

Guard personal information

Don't post any personal information- your address, email address or mobile number - publicly online. Just one piece of personal information could be used by a complete stranger to find out even more. If you want to include your birthday in your profile it's safer not to actually display it publicly - providing your full date of birth makes you more vulnerable to identity fraud.

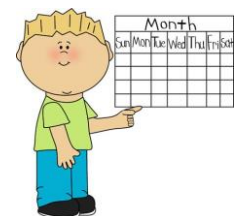


Term Dates and Holidays 2016 -2017

All term and holiday dates for this year and next year are available on the website. Please ask at the office if you cannot access them.

Inset Days 2016/2017

Friday 28th April 2017 (giving families a long weekend, with Bank Holiday Monday)
Monday June 5th 2017



Coming Up...

Film night has been postponed until next term.

December

9th Music and Mince Pies – by invitation only
12th RE Theme Day – Christmas. Posada Assembly 2.30 – all welcome.
14th School Christmas Lunch. Always Children afternoon.
16th Junior Carol Service at St Mary's Church 1.30. All welcome.
19th Pantomime trip and parties.
20th Carols at Coppice Lea
21st Final assembly (carols and prize-giving) 1.00. All welcome.