



Bletchingley Village Primary School & Nursery

Newsletter: Friday 1st December 2023

Autumn 2023

First, my apologies for not sending out a newsletter thus far this half term. It has been a busy few weeks, for a host of reasons!

Our programme of trips has continued with visits by Year 4 to Kew Gardens, Year 1 to Chertsey Museum, Year 2 to the British Wildlife Centre and Year 3 to Butser Farm. The feedback from the children was that they all had a wonderful time and as ever, their behaviour and polite manners were commented on by staff from each place they went to. We continue to review all school trips to ensure the costs are kept to an absolute minimum for everyone and it's for these reasons we are particularly grateful for the minibuses and staff willing to drive them. Avoiding the cost of coaches has really helped to keep financial requests as low as possible and we appreciate the support these trips receive from parents and carers.

Preparations for Christmas events are in full swing and I know the children are very excited to be sharing these with their families. A full list of events was sent out at the beginning of the week and is also below.

We all know this can be a particularly challenging time of year for many - financially, emotionally and many other ways. Please remember that if there is anything we can support with in terms of payments for trips or signposting to other support there is always someone in the office that can do this in confidence.

**With best wishes,
Debbie Gregori**

School reports

School reports will be sent in the last week of term. If you would like to discuss anything in them, please make an appointment with your class teacher in the first instance.

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Bad Weather Procedure

Given the change in weather we will be sending out our Bad Weather Procedure in the very unlikely event we should need to close the school. This has not happened for many years but you never know!

Key dates coming up

- December 4th – EY Nativity Dress Rehearsal 10.00am
- December 4th – Sycamore Class to Carrington – STEM
- December 5th – Early Years Nativity (no children under 3s who are not performing) 9.30
- December 6th – KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 10.00am
- December 7th – Breakfast with Santa years Early Years
- December 7th - KS1 Nativity 10.00am (no children under 3s who are not performing) 9.30
- December 8th – Music and Mince Pies 1.30 Invitation only (more information to follow)
- December 11th – Choir to Coppice Lea (info to follow)
- December 11th – Christmas Pyjama Party – FOBS event 3.30 to 6.30 years 1 to 6
- December 12th – Sleeping Beauty at The Hawth, Crawley Years 1 – 6
- December 13th – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- December 14th – Carol Concert KS2 – St Marys Church, Bletchingley 2.00pm
- December 15th – Last Day of Term, School Closes 1.30

Term Dates

SCHOOL YEAR 23/24

Autumn Term 2023

Wednesday 30 th August 2023	Inset Day
Thursday 31 st August 2023	Inset Day
Friday 1 st September 2023	Inset Day
Monday 4 th September 2023	Autumn Term starts
14 th October 2023 - 27 th October 2023	HALF TERM
Friday 15 th December	Autumn Term Ends

Spring Term 2024

Tuesday 2 nd January 2024	Inset Day
Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	Inset Day
Thursday 4 th January 2024	Spring Term starts
12 th February 2024 - 16 th February 2024	HALF TERM
Thursday 28 th March	Spring Term Ends

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15 th April	Inset Day
Tuesday 16 th April	Summer Term starts
27 th May 2024 - 31 st May 2024	HALF TERM

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Friday 28 th June 2024	Inset Day
Tuesday 23 rd July	Summer Term ends

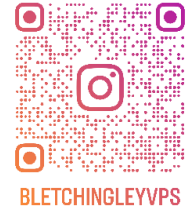
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Messages from the school office

Office opening times:-

In person: 8.45am-4pm

Phone: 01883 743337

Email: info@bletchingleyvt.co.uk

Please could we remind everyone that school dinners need to be paid for in advance. We still have a few accounts that are outstanding and we would be most grateful if you could check your child's dinner accounts. We will be going over to a new finance system shortly so it is imperative that all accounts are up to date.

There is no parking in the car park for parents after 8.00am unless you are disabled. This is for Health & Safety reasons. We will be monitoring this in the next couple of weeks as the number of parents using the car park has recently increased. Thank you for your cooperation.

Just a reminder we have a clothes bank in the school grounds. The PTA raise funds from having this onsite. If you have anything you would like to recycle please put it in the recycling pod in the car park.

Regarding Penalty Notices

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 state that Head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Head teacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The policy of the Government to which this school has agreed, states that parents who take their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the Head teacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.

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The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority must prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act 1996.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.

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