

# Bletchingley Village Primary School

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**Newsletter No.2**

**Topic: Out of this world**

**Value focus: Respect**



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**We have had a fantastic start to the year and we wish you all a wonderful and safe break.  
We will see you on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

**This is a new app, completely free to parents, through which we are able to send unlimited, free messages.** As we move towards becoming a paper-free school, this will replace texts and many email communications from September 2018, so please could you use the link to download it.

The app is also an easy, simple way for you to report illness to the office and receive a response. Medical help, sourced from NHS guidelines will appear for your information when you type in the reason for absence, which we hope you will find useful. <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

[Thank you to all those who have signed up. Please can we ask anyone who hasn't to do so if you can, as this will be our main source of sending messages. After half term, we will not be sending out e-mails or texts. If this causes a problem, please drop into the office and have a chat. Many thanks](#)

## Pantomime payment reminder

Please pay for your child's pantomime ticket by Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October to confirm the place.



## Parent Forum

**We will be holding our third Parent Forum Meeting on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15.**

Please come along and have your say. We will be talking about a range of things, including Attendance Policy and a Home School Agreement. We already involve children, teachers and governors – the only voice missing is yours!

## Children's Learning

We hope you have enjoyed finding out about your children's learning through MarvellousMe. Thank you for being patient with us while we get used to using it. This is going to be used as a communication tool between teachers and parents. You will be sent information about: Your child's individual achievements, learning the class has done as a whole or in a group, reminders and any additional information teachers think is appropriate.



## Staffing Update

In the continued absence of Mrs Kerr, I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Fletcher has joined the Senior Leadership Team as Acting Assistant Head.

## Open afternoon

We will be holding an Open Afternoon, for prospective families to come and take a look around the school, on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November**. Please could you pass this information to anyone who is thinking of bringing their children to our school. Thank you



## Music Lessons

If your child is interested in learning to play a musical instrument please take a look at the Surrey Arts website or pick up a leaflet from the office. [www.surrey.cc.gov.uk/arts](http://www.surrey.cc.gov.uk/arts).

## Uniform

Uniform is available to order through the website under "Parents information" then school uniform link. Plain white t-shirts and grey trousers from other sources are also perfectly acceptable for school. We have decided that we will stock water bottles in school and will be able to offer them at £1.40. So please ask at the office.



## Planting Day

As part of our on-going grounds development, we have an order of saplings and hedging arriving in November. These are sent free, from the Woodland Trust and we are having a planting day on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.

## Light Party – St Mary’s Church, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018



## Nut Free School

Please can we remind you that we are a nut free school. Please can you make sure that no nut products are put in lunch boxes this includes peanut butter, Nutella etc. Thankyou



## Christmas Craft Fair in Nutfield

[Saturday 24th November, 10am to 2pm Church of St Peter & St Paul, Church Hill, Nutfield RH11 4JA](#)

Please join us for a wonderful Christmas Craft Fair in Nutfield. The Church will be taken over with Christmas stalls, selling handmade Christmas goods, gifts, decorations, candles, arrangements, bunting, crackers, cakes and more. All your Christmas shopping under one roof! A Children's face painter will be there to paint some festive faces. Refreshments will be available to buy and entry is free. Parking can be found in the car park opposite the church. Please note that most stalls will only accept cash payments. This event is not to be missed.



28<sup>th</sup> October – Light Party St Marys Church 4.30-6.00  
29<sup>th</sup> October – Halloween Disco  
8<sup>th</sup> November – Open afternoon prospective new parents  
15<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 heights and weights  
17<sup>th</sup> November – Planting Day (Further information to follow)  
23<sup>rd</sup> November – Inset Day 26<sup>th</sup>  
November – Inset Day  
30<sup>th</sup> November – Starlight Diamond Bake off  
3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> December Book Fair 3.15-4.00pm  
7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fair and Making Day  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity Play 9.30  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Book fair 11.30-12.00  
12<sup>th</sup> December – Aladdin, The Hawth (Whole School)  
14<sup>th</sup> December Music & Mince Pies 1.30 17<sup>th</sup>  
December Open Classroom 3.00pm  
19<sup>th</sup> December Carol Concert in Church 2.00pm

#### Term Dates for 2018 – 2019

##### Autumn Term

4<sup>th</sup> September Inset Day

School returns on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Half term week Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October to 28<sup>th</sup> October

School returns Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

PLEASE NOTE 23<sup>rd</sup> November is an inset day PLEASE

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School returns Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

##### Spring Term

4<sup>th</sup> January Inset day

School returns Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Half term 16<sup>th</sup> February to 24<sup>th</sup> February

School returns Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Easter 6<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018

##### Summer Term

School returns Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Half term Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE INSET DAY

School returns Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

## Regarding Penalty Notices

*Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher 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 Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.*

*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.*

*If there are two parents and two children incurring unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 21 days.*