

# Bletchingley Village Primary School

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**Newsletter No. 4**

**Topic: Out of this world**

**Value focus: Tolerance**



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***All at BVPS would like to wish everyone a peaceful and happy Christmas break.***



Studybugs

## Almost there!

We now have over 95% of families signed up to Study Bugs and over 96% for Marvellous Me.

**We have discovered that some parents who have not downloaded the app are receiving communications from Study Bugs via their e-mail, and so may not realise they are missing out on the notifications which go to the phone. In order to make the best use of the app it will need to be downloaded to your phone.** <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

## Nursery

From January we will be offering 30 hours. This is open to parents who are eligible for funding and also those who are not, but who wish to pay. If you would like more information, please contact the office or e-mail on [info@bletchingleyschool.co.uk](mailto:info@bletchingleyschool.co.uk). From September we intend to offer places to two year olds, both full FEET (Funded Early Education for Two year olds) and private. Again, if you are interested in this, please contact the office.

## Reporting to Parents

Feedback on the new reports so far, has been 100% positive. Thank you to everyone who has written in.

## Online Safety

**Online safety for our children has become one of our major concerns.** This will be a focus for the new year, so if you would like to be part of the conversation to help form our response and decide how to best support parents and children, please contact the office to join our Parent E-forum.

## Parent E-Forum

**This is proving a great success!** If you would like to join, please contact the office [info@bletchingleyschool.co.uk](mailto:info@bletchingleyschool.co.uk)



Future discussion documents (in no particular order):

Homework Policy

Online Safety Policy

Anti-Bullying Policy

Attendance Policy

## Home School Agreement

**This will be sent out to all families in the new year.** As it is no longer a required document, it does not need to be signed, but we feel it does help to make expectations for, and of, everyone clear. We have consulted with teachers, children, governors and parents, so feel it is genuinely representative of all involved. We ask that it is read and used as a basis for true home – school collaboration, in order that those we work together to support, namely the children, are able to achieve the very best possible in terms of mental and physical well-being and academic success.

## Reading Week

Look out for an exciting programme of events in the first week back. Details will be sent out in the New Year, before school begins.



## 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).

Piano lessons are available from Mr Jones please email for prices  
gareth.jones5790@ntlworld.com;

and from Katrina Waterton at £12.50 for 20 minutes and £15 for 30 minutes or email  
katrina.waterton@yahoo.co.uk

Flute and fife lessons are available from Judy Baker prices on request

If anyone knows of any other music teachers who would like to offer lessons in the school, please pass on our details, or let us know. We have had enquiries for guitar and drum lessons in particular, but we are keen to support the delivery of any music where we can. We will be arranging some taster sessions for children to try in the new year.



### At present, we offer:

Pottery Club  
High Voltage Gym  
Rugby Tots  
Kicks Dance  
Dolphin Potter  
Cookery

If you are interested in signing up for any of these, please contact the office for more details.



**A huge Thank You for all the support we have received over the last term.**

### **FOBS**

**Thank you to all who supported the Christmas Fair this year. We raised an amazing £1700!**



**Many thanks to SANDERSTEADS** for their support with shredding of all our confidential waste. It is much appreciated.

**The Book Fair** raised over £700 for us to spend on books, which will mean the book corners in the classrooms will have a major make-over in the New Year!



[Carlton Asset Management Ltd](#) **have donated £250** towards improvements to Reception outdoor area. We intend buying materials to build learning stations such as mud kitchens, sand pits and dens.



We have secured a £750 grant from Hazelwood School Fund to help develop the Early Years and K1 outdoor area.



Thank you to both S.K.Camping and Knights Garden centre for donating our beautiful Christmas trees.

**And finally...**



We will be joining the Tandridge Lottery in the new year so please keep an eye out for more details after Christmas!



**Following an excellent improvement in attendance last year, our target is now to be in line with national, which is great news.** We will continue our drive for improving attendance, and so children's learning, as this is one of the most effective ways we can ensure their best possible future in terms of both GCSEs and future employment.

If your child needs to leave early for a medical appointment, please request permission in good time. This can be by letter, e-mail or, if this is not possible, by telephone before 2.45. Requests made later than this may not be successful as office staff are by then busy with parents and telephone calls and so cannot leave to find children. If this happens, please accept our apologies and remember that staff will always do their best to help.



### **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

### **Outdoor clothing**

**Children are still arriving in school without wellies.** Please make sure children do have a warm, named coat and shoes they are able to get dirty, preferably wellies in this wet weather. We struggle to keep mud out of the corridors and classrooms at this time of year, if children do not change shoes, so your support is appreciated.

### **Uniform**

**Our uniform policy is available on our website.** Please ensure children are wearing the correct jumpers, trousers and shoes. If there is a temporary problem, let the class teacher know or come and have a chat at the office; if we can help, we will. If incorrect uniform is persistently worn, please expect a member of staff to ask about it.

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.

### **School Dinners**

A reminder that where dinner money is still outstanding at the end of this term, the school will not be providing lunch until the account is paid in full.



### **Dates for your Diary**

7<sup>th</sup> January – Start of new term  
23<sup>rd</sup> January – Otter class heights and weights  
25<sup>th</sup> January - Jubilee Bake Off  
1<sup>st</sup> February – Jubilee Diamond Assembly  
7<sup>th</sup> February – Dodgeball Oxted School  
11<sup>th</sup> February – Nursery Stay & Play  
15<sup>th</sup> February Otter Class Bake Off  
1<sup>st</sup> March – Sapphire Assembly

### **Term Dates for 2018 – 2019**

#### **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 21days.*