

Blofield School Newsletter

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From the Headteacher

A big welcome to you all for the new school year. We have an exciting new curriculum and many activities planned for the children in the coming year! **ALL PARENTS** are invited to attend 'MEET THE TEACHER' meetings next week, when your child's teacher will outline class expectations, programmes of work, homework and potential school trips for the year. We trust the times given below will allow parents to see relevant teachers.

RECEPTION - THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER at 6.30 p.m.

YEAR 1 - WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER at 6.00 p.m.

YEAR 2 - WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER at 6.30 p.m.

YEAR 3 - TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER at 5.30 p.m.

YEAR 4 - TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER at 6.00 p.m.

YEAR 5 - TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER at 6.30 p.m.

YEAR 6 - TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER at 7.00 p.m.

Teachers will be available in the classrooms afterwards to speak to individual parents if required. If childminding is a problem, children may play on the field and will be supervised by staff. If wet, a video will be shown. ***We do hope you will make every effort to attend these very important meetings.***

Thank you for your valued support.

Maternity Leave for Mrs Farrow

As you will recall, I informed you in July that Mrs Farrow is expecting a baby and is expected to start maternity leave later in the year. It now seems likely that Mrs Farrow's maternity leave will begin immediately after the half-term holiday. We are now beginning the process of recruiting a suitable maternity cover teacher to take the class. I will of course keep you informed of our progress in this matter. I am sure you will also join me in wishing Mrs Farrow all the very best for her upcoming maternity leave!

Mr O. Burwood
Headteacher

We welcome our new Reception pupils:

Hannah Allen
Jessica Annison
Maxwell Cockaday
Ruby Curtis
Thomass Dowson-Angel
Brennan Finnie
Dillon Gibling
Emily Goodson
Freddie Guthrie
Alexander Hagg
Olivia Hutchin
Thomas Jarrett
Rebecca Jay
Alfie Mann
Mia Hunt
Eleanor Morgan
Lewis Newstead-Jones
Phoebe Paraskeva
Samuel Pont
Edith Richardson
James Rothwell
Amelie Salisbury
Roxanne Seagroatt
Jack Simpson
Nicholas Swart
Isabelle Waghorn
Amy Watker
Theo Watson
Abigail Wilson
Kalum Young

Also a very warm welcome to:

Bethany Ramsden-Wright in Y1
Kajol Aryal and Japhethson Akpan in Y2
Daisy Powley in Y3
Kaiser Shaikh in Y4

We are sure they will all enjoy their time at Blofield Primary!

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Good Homes Needed!

Year 6's Giant African land snails have multiplied and we are looking for new homes for them! If your child would like a land snail(s) please bring in a tank with compost to take them home. Land snails are very easy to keep and just require compost and something 'green' to eat. They also require a cuttlefish to chew on, available in pet shops.

Requests for.....

- Children, please WALK across the playground with bikes/scooters when delivering/collecting bikes to the cycle shed.
- Parents, please leave promptly from the playground at the end of the school day/ collecting children from after school clubs.
- Please ensure that ALL clothing is named.
- Please do not bring dogs into the playground (other than assistance dogs).

Bag2School

We will be participating in Bag2School again this term and a collection has been arranged for Tuesday 11th October. Nearer the time, families will be issued the plastic collection sacks in which to place unwanted clothing, textiles etc. Thank you for your support. Funds raised will go to School Funds

Spree Fundraiser

Look out for the new Spree books which will be issued to each family next week. Many parents have commented on how good these books are in providing great discounts at restaurants and family venues. There is of course no obligation to purchase a book and unwanted books should be returned to the school office please. We are very grateful for money raised through this annual fundraiser and commission for every book sold is used throughout the year to subsidise Christmas parties for the children, school trips that relate to children's topic work and visiting theatre groups/workshops. Thank you for your support.

After School Clubs

Lunchtime and after school clubs will commence shortly Look out for further details.

Free School Meals

Parents on low income (e.g. Income Support, etc) may be eligible to claim Free School Meals for their child(ren). Please see Mrs Gitsham in the school office for further details.

- Children may wait inside at the end of the school day until after school music lessons commence but we would ask that they do not wait on the playground in between school and clubs (adults too!).
- Parents/friends — we would remind you that smoking on school site is not allowed.
- Pac a macs— please continue to ensure children come to school with a pac a mac so showers do not spoil play times.

Thank you.

Dates for your diary

13/14/15 Sept : Meet the Teacher meetings

**4th Oct : Y6 to visit Theatre Royal
(Details to follow)**

6th Oct: Harvest Festival (details to follow)

11th Oct: Bag2School collection

13th Oct: PTA Annual meeting (details to follow)

21st Oct: Non uniform day

24th to 28th Oct : Half term

31st October 2011 : School closed for pupils

(Additional staff development day not on NCC term dates calendar—Blofield Primary

1st Nov : School photographer in school

4th November : Open Morning for 2012 intake

16th Nov : KS1 Maths Evening 6.30 p.m.

21st Nov : KS2 Maths Evening 6.30 p.m.

2nd Dec : Non uniform day

6/7/8th Dec: KS1 Christmas production

Wk comm 12th Dec: Christmas parties

13th Dec: Carols by Candlelight 6.30 p.m.

16th Dec: Last day of term

Garment Labelling

Please ensure that ALL your children's belongings are clearly named and check regularly to ensure that labels remain clear after washing garments. When garments are mislaid they can then be returned immediately to the correct child. It is very upsetting for children to lose items and very expensive to replace garments unnecessarily.

Forthcoming Election of Parent Governors at Blofield Primary School

I am writing to inform you that **two** vacancies exist on our governing body for a parent governor and we are seeking nominations of parents interested in taking up this role. Being a governor can be very enjoyable and worthwhile.

Parent governors are elected by the parents or guardians of children attending the school. All parents or guardians of children attending the school are entitled to propose or second candidates and vote. Nomination papers for this purpose can be obtained at the school from the headteacher. New governors will be the subject of a vetting procedure before confirmation of their appointment.

The completed nomination papers must be returned to the above school by:

FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2011

If the number of nominations received are equal to, or less than, the number of vacancies there will be no need to hold a ballot. If a ballot is necessary, it will be by "postal" ballot and your child will be asked to deliver and return your voting (ballot) paper. One ballot paper per parent or guardian is allowed, irrespective of how many of your children attend the school. Ballot papers must be returned in sealed envelopes to the school no later than:

MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2011

which will be the "date of the election".

More information is given in the notes overleaf and you are advised to read them carefully before taking part in the election.

Thank you for your interest, and involvement in this important process. If you have any queries regarding this election, please contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely,

O Burwood
Headteacher

NOTES FOR PARENTS TAKING PART IN PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

There will be no need to hold an election (i.e. no ballot will be needed) if the number of nominations received are equal to, or less than, the number of vacancies.

The composition of the governing body detailing the number of parent governors is set out in the Instrument of Government of the school.

Elected governors will be the subject of a vetting procedure before confirmation of their appointment.

After reconstitution a parent governor will have a term of office of four years unless the Instrument of Government states otherwise. If the Governing Body has not reconstituted under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2003 a Parent Governor can serve until the Governing Body reconstitutes.

Under the 2003 School Governance Regulations, a person is disqualified from election or appointment as a parent governor of a school if they are an elected member of the LEA (a County Councillor) or if they work at the school for more than 500 hours (i.e. for more than one-third of the hours of a full-time equivalent) in a school year (at the time of election or appointment).

Any governor may resign at any time during their period of office.

A parent governor does not have to resign when his/her child leaves the school, but is able to complete his/her term of office.

Parents standing as candidates in the election may not propose or second themselves.

Each parent/guardian shall be entitled to return one ballot paper irrespective of the number of children in the family attending the school.

Each parent/guardian shall be entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies in the election. No arrangement shall be made for proxy voting.

Each ballot paper must be returned by the date and time fixed by the headteacher, in a sealed envelope, addressed to the headteacher of the school, indicating it contains a ballot paper and bearing no other mark. Any ballot papers received that are not in sealed envelopes will be invalid. The ballot papers will remain unopened in a secure place until the count commences.

All candidates or their representatives will be invited to attend the counting of the ballot papers.

A notice of the result of the election will be posted on the school notice board for a period of 14 days from the "date of the election". During this period any candidate, proposer or seconder of a candidate, or any ten parents may object to the result of the election.