



BLAKESLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

February 2012

January has seemed to fly past, with (whisper it quietly ...no snow) and we are only two weeks from the mid-term break with lots still to pack in.

Year 5 pupils are working hard on their '**Bikeability**' training and are now out practising on the roads. The girls seem to be enjoying the first sessions of the

Maths Club. I would like to thank Mrs Rodhouse, Caroline and Mrs Bullock for coming along to help and be good role models. We start another club, with different girls and a different set of activities, after the break. BOYS—your turn will come!

We have a lovely, new, whole school display, based on the story '**Stanger in the Woods**'. This has also provided a focus for some Personal and Social Education work on the environment and the way we treat those who are different from ourselves. Pupils have also had the chance to practise some art techniques along the way.

Key Stage 2 pupils have taken part in two sporting events; **Indoor Athletics**

'team work'

and Football. I have been with them on both occasions

and they have been a credit to themselves and the school with their sporting behaviour and team work. Well done to all who took part.

It has been lovely to see so many parents at our **Friday 'celebration' assemblies**. It is good to be able to share the children's work and successes with you. Do keep

'good to see so many of you at assemblies'

coming.

Mrs Hall and Mrs Chambers are working hard on plans for the **gardening club** and have settled on a piece of ground to develop as a vegetable patch. I know they will be pleased to have any help which is offered—either practical or seeds/plants.

Homework:

The children have really

'hard work on homework topics'

taken to the '**topic**' style **homework** and are producing some very detailed and intensive work. This is clearly time and energy consuming and we want them to continue to do their best so we have decided to reduce the frequency with which it is set. Please look

out for this kind of work once every 'new' term—about every 6 weeks.

Achievements

Praise Cards have been given to Kian, Victoria, Marley, Alex, Sam M, Toby, Jake, Hannah B, Hannah C, Jody, Faye, JJ, Sophie B, Thomas, Eleanor, Ethan B, Lauren, Elliot, Sam W, Isobel F, Josie, Olivia, Ben A, Jemima,

'well done to all'

Oliver, Emma, Daniel, Bella, Max, Katie, Charlie W, Samuel T, and Isabella. Well done all of you.

We have also celebrated out of school achievements for dance, swimming, sports and music Annabel, Edward, Emily H, Morley and Isabella. If I have missed anyone out, please let me know and I will include them next time.

Forthcoming Dates and Events

The captain of the

'Steelbacks'

'Steelbacks' cricket team will be with us in assembly on Wednesday 1st February to give a motivational talk. Please join us if you wish. Our next Maths Morning will take place on Friday the 10th February. The theme is



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'measures' which includes time, money, capacity and weight as well as linear measurement. Lots of scope for some exciting activities. Looking even further ahead the next **school disco** will be on February 24th.

Year 6 pupils are starting their liaison sessions with Sponne school. Science comes first on March 6th.

Parents' evenings are scheduled for March 27th (early appointments) and 29th (late appointments).

The Cluster Dance Festival is on the 21st March. We are planning to take a group from Key Stage 2.

The Tag Rugby Festival for

'dates for your diary'

Years 4-6 is on the 29th March.

We hope to have our **Easter Service** on the 30th March, the day we break up for Easter. Our Curate, the Revd. Carolyn Oley, will have

been installed as our new Rector by then and I am liaising with her over the date.

Holiday dates: We close for the Mid-term Break at 3.20 on February 10th; re-opening on 20th.

Easter Holiday: Close 3.20 on 30th March, re-open on Tuesday 17th April (Monday 16th is a training day).

Extra Curricular Activities

The choir, led by Mr Suckling has had its first session. It has proved very popular and has 15 members. We are working towards a performance later in the term and hope to have items from the orchestra, Rock School, music groups and classes included in the programme. (Mr Coles says 'staff too'. HMMM..maybe!) We want to use the new village hall for this, but we are now waiting for the work on the acoustics to be carried out.

Hot school meals

I have a meeting set up on Friday February 3rd with Nourish, the County Hot Meals Service, regarding the 'brought in hot' meals. I will keep you informed as soon as I get an answer. Reminder: If anyone knows of someone who would be interested in preparing and serving the meals once we get the 'pod', NCC would like to hear from you as they need to employ someone in this capacity.

Website

Do check this out from time to time. We are in the process of posting up photos, things like the school magazine and other things of interest which you may like to keep up with.

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Don't forget to visit the new school website

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