



# BLAKESLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

March 2010

Welcome back to Term 4. This used to be called the 'Spring Term', but there isn't much sign of Spring weather yet!

I am sure you all already know, but Mrs Reeves' baby arrived during the holidays. Abigail Rose

**"baby girl"**

weighed 7lbs 5ozs and all are well. Congratulations to Mrs Reeves and her family.

### **Looking back** over

February; we all enjoyed the visit from the birds of prey from Holdenby House. It was fantastic to see these creatures close up and even to stroke one. We loved to see 'Gordon' the Harris Hawk in flight, until the poor thing mistook our windows for freedom and managed to crash into them.

Fortunately he wasn't

**"Gordon the Harris  
Hawk"**

hurt.

Year Three and Four had a visit from Kettering

Museum. They were able to handle some reproductions of Egyptian artefacts and extend their knowledge of the period.

The next round of Gifted and Talented sessions at the Silverstone Study Centre have begun. Some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils are taking part.

We have had a subject inspection in History. Mr Champak Chauhan, HMI, was with us for a day and

**"inspection"**

he observed lessons, spoke to pupils and looked at books. He will not publish a report to parents in the same way as a full Inspection, but he will write to the school outlining his findings. I will communicate these to

**"feedback"**

you when we receive them, but feedback to staff at the end of the day was very positive.

Mrs Tadman kindly offered to help pupils to design their poster, which will be

framed for our Anti-Bullying Award. We're

**"help from parents"**

looking forward to seeing this.

Mr Edwards has been busy working with all

**"Blakesley 'Bob'"**

classes on Anti-bullying issues. The designs for Blakesley Bob have been fantastic. We hope that many of you will be able to join us on Friday for assembly when we celebrate this work.

### **Looking ahead:**

Our website will soon have some pupils' writing showcased on it. Do look out for this.

We have been overwhelmed by pupils who want to take part in the Dance Festival. This exciting annual event is to be held on the 24th of this month. Mrs Welsh and the pupils are working hard on our dances.

We are to take part once again in the Tag Rugby



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Tournament on the 25th March. The team will be selected shortly.

Parents' evenings are to be

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held on the 23rd and 25th of March. We hope to see as many parents as possible over these two days. Appointments are for a duration of ten minutes each. Please do try to stick to this as we soon get behind if they over-run. Teachers will always make a separate appointment if there is need for further discussion. Don't forget to allow time to see your child's work which will be set out in the classroom, or to visit in the afternoon of Tuesday 23rd to look at the work with your child.

We will be in school again for Holy Week this year. We are planning to have our traditional Easter Egg Hunt, a church service and a 'sharing lunch' on the last day of term, March 31st. More about this nearer the time.

A reminder about the 'Life Education Bus' visit on the 22nd March. The programme is: Y5/6 'Friends', Y3/4 'Meet the Brain', Y1/2 Feelings, Y1/R 'All About Me'. There will be information for parents at 3.00—3.30. I will look after any children in the playground from 3.20—3.30 so that you may attend the meeting if you wish to do so.

Mr Ken Clarke from World Vision, the charity we supported at Harvest, is coming to talk to the

children in assembly on Friday 26th March. I am also in the process of making contact with the parish of Naitiri in Kenya. Our Benefice of churches is making links with Naitiri and I hope we can build up a relationship with the school there. Projects like these promote the children's understanding of the 'global community'. We also have a display board about our own global links. If any pupils have family who come from, or live, overseas we would love to include them.

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**Don't forget to visit the new school website**

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