



Blenheim Bulletin

Autumn Issue 5

As we come to the end of the term, we would like to thank all of our families for their support and encouragement throughout what has been a very busy term! The children have worked extremely hard and are a real credit to us all which was reflected in our recent Ofsted where we are recognised as being a good school.

So thank you again. We now would like to wish you all a very happy, fun and safe festive period with family and friends and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 6th January at the normal time.

Attendance

Meet Hoot, our attendance mascot. Hoot came to school last week to meet some of the Reception children and join in our attendance assembly which we hold every Monday. Hoot works with the attendance team to monitor the children's attendance in school.



Our School Choir

We have been busy! We've been Carol singing in the Glades in Bromley and on Tuesday 10th December our 'small in size but big in volume' choir sang again at the Mayor's Community Carol Service at All Saint's Church, Orpington. They sang beautifully and entertained the congregation with a variety of Christmas songs. The 12 Days of Christmas was my personal favourite! Thank you choir for all your hard work in sounding so good and for the support from family and friends.



Christmas Lunch

Last Friday the children and staff enjoyed a lovely Christmas Lunch in the hall with Christmas music, silly hats and crackers! The children were well fed by our kitchen team and we all had a great time!

PSA Christmas Fair

Thank you for supporting the PSA Christmas Fair last Friday. The children and families seemed to have a good time trying all the games, visiting the stalls and of course visiting the Father Christmas Grotto! We took over a £1000 on the night – a roaring success again!.



Blenheim's Christmas Carol Concert @ All Saint's Church

It was so lovely to see so many of you support the children at our Christmas Carol Service on Wednesday. The children did a great job with their readings and singing. Mr Osborn was good on piano too!



EYFS & KS1 Nativity

Thank you so many of you who came along to the very entertaining Nativity 'Everyone loves a Baby' by the EYFS and KS1 classes. There was singing, dancing, great lighting and a wonderful atmosphere. Well done all of you. It was superb!

GOSH Toy Sale

The year 6 team would like to thank you firstly for the kind donations of toys and then for donating money to GOSH when receiving new toys! The year 6's have raised over £300 for this great charity. THANK YOU!

PSA in the New Year

The PSA in the new year are developing the Pond area with the pond being replaced and a new seating area installed so the children will be able to do further outdoor learning and pond dipping in the area.

Thanks goes to New Leaf Garden Services for starting the process of the pond redevelopment.

The PSA are also looking for new recruits. If you have time in your day and would like to support the fund raising in the school please do speak to Mrs Hagues.

Uniform

Coats: Please can you ensure that your child has a named coat in school. Unless it's pouring with rain/snowing then we do go outside in all other weathers.

Nail Varnish: Should not be worn – save it for the weekend but remember to take it off Sunday night! (unless it's half term!)

Shoes: School shoes should be plain black and suitable for school / the playground.

There has been an increasing number of children attending school wearing polo t-shirts which are no longer part of our school uniform. **Please ensure your child is wearing a white shirt with a collar which is appropriate for our school tie.** More information about uniform will be sent out shortly, but in the meantime full information regarding Uniform is on our web page.

Packed Lunches

Please can we remind you that packed lunches need to be healthy. It should consist of at least a sandwich or savoury snack, a piece of fruit and a drink. Treats in the form of crisps and chocolate biscuit bars should be kept to a minimum of only one a day. We need to ensure that between us we keep your child healthy and active to learn! Thank you for your support with this.

Safer School App

We would like to remind all of our parents/carers of the Safer School's APP provided by iNeqe in association with Zurich Municipal. The Safer School APP provides extremely useful information and guidance around wider Safeguarding issues linked with online safety, cyberbullying and any 'trending' issues online. The APP can be downloaded free of charge on Android as well as Apple devices. Our unique school login details are available from the school office.

Parking Outside

We have received a number of complaints recently from our neighbouring residents about people parking obstructing their driveways and even damaging their property. Please can we remind you to park considerately when collecting your children from school and observe the road markings to ensure our children remain safe.

Important Notice

Please can we remind our families to encourage children to dismount their bikes and scooters before arriving on school property. We have had a number of reported injuries as a result of collisions with child cyclists!

For further dates and information about our school, please visit our webpage at
www.blenheimprimary.com



We also have a school Twitter page. Follow and tweet us @Blenheim_Sch

Dates for your diary:

Monday 6 January 2020	Return to school at 8.45am after Christmas break
Wednesday 8 January 2020	Open Day for New Reception starting 2020 at 9.30-10.30am and 1.30-2.30pm
Thursday 23 January 2020	Year 1 Van Gogh - Sharing Assembly at 10.30am
Thursday 6 February 2020	Year 2 Kahlo - Sharing Assembly at 10.30am
Thursday 5 March	Year 4 Monet - Sharing Assembly at 10.30am
Thursday 19 March	Year 5 Emmet - Sharing Assembly at 10.30am

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