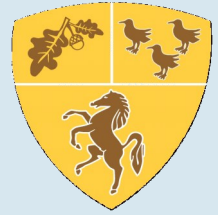


# Blean Primary School

## Newsletter Term 4, Week 2— 2nd March 2018



### **Dear Parents / Carers,**

We would like to trial a new approach to our school newsletter, which will consist of a weekly update every Friday with key information and key dates. We are hoping this will be a more succinct version of our current approach. However, we are very keen to still share all the wonderful experiences that our children have here at Blean and we are looking to share this via our website in some format. We will update you with more information regarding this in due course. Please feel free to provide feedback as the term progresses on this adapted form of communication.

### **SENsational Choir!**

This is an exciting, new project which gives the opportunity for young people with special educational needs and their families to take part in a choir. A fun and relaxed environment is guaranteed, where the young person will learn songs, have the chance to use Makaton, play percussion and perform locally.

The sessions will be monthly on a Saturday morning, and are run by CJ (SEN/ Music teacher with over 25 years experience), Jane Lacey and Liz Molloy.

The long term aim is to gain sponsorship and funding to enable us to perform within the community on our own or alongside other choirs. We have a Facebook page where you can find details of announcements, dates, song lyrics, photos, videos, etc. so please join and share away!

Location: The Training & Development Centre, (Canterbury Academy, Primary school site). Next rehearsal dates: Saturday 10am - 3rd March /21st April. First performance: Saturday 12th May - Festability (Quex Park).

If you have any questions, please email us at [SENSationalchoir@outlook.com](mailto:SENSationalchoir@outlook.com). We look forward to seeing you! CJ, Jane and Liz.



### **A celebration of Safer Internet Day 2018**

This year at Blean Primary School we aspired to share our commitment and dedication to Online Safety with our pupils, colleagues, parents/carers and the wider community. A local policeman supported this vision by helping us to engage our pupils in a set of skill based tasks and visited all of our classes. He provided a meaningful context for our pupils, and our 'E-Safety Crew' delivered a whole school assembly and spent some quality time sharing their views and opinions of Online Safety at our setting with our Computing Lead Mrs Hollingworth. All classes had the opportunity to respond creatively to this year's theme 'Connect, Share, Respect' and have produced colourful, collaborative artwork to be displayed in a communal area. Teachers used their classroom iPads to record video footage of the children working alongside each other to respond to their tasks and artwork, and the energy and enthusiasm for Safer Internet Day was prevalent. At Mrs Hollingworth's Online Safety Tea and Topics session a large group of parents/carers represented families from across the school, and engaged in their own tasks and discussions of Online Safety. Parents/carers reflected upon the lot, the Internet of Things in their homes, and how parental controls and settings are effected when devices are used outside of your home. The parents/carers who attended the session analysed an example of a child's social profile and the risks it presented, and discussed a story clip of a pupil who had engaged with a photo sharing app. Oral feedback from the session included "I feel my children have a really good understanding of Online Safety because of what you do here, "and" You are right to not demonise the Internet but in encouraging us to talk to our children about the Internet. It's scary but we cannot control what they might see or who might show them things we don't want them to. They need to be able to talk to us openly, thank you so much." We thank everybody for supporting this special day, and signpost you to the Safer Internet Day and NSPCC web sites for further information on this topic.

### **Go Orange Day**

Everyone at Blean wore orange to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Charity.

We raised **£370.50**, this money will be used to help with research for Muscular Dystrophy.

Thank you for your donations, Finlay.



### **Staffing Update**

Mrs Burnage will be retiring in July. We would like to thank Mrs Burnage for her commitment and dedication to Blean Primary School over the last 20 years. Additionally, Mrs Rowbottom, who has taught at Blean for 17 years will also be retiring in July. We would like to take this opportunity in advance to thank both Mrs Burnage and Mrs Rowbottom for their outstanding contribution to Blean Primary School and wishing them a, long, happy and healthy retirement.

Term Dates 2017/18	
Term 1	04.09.17 - 20.10.17
Staff Development Day	04.09.17
Mid Term Break	23.10.17 - 27.10.17
Staff Development Days	30.10.17 & 31.10.17
Term 2	01.11.17- 20.12.17
Christmas Holiday	21.12.17 - 03.01.17
Term 3	04.01.18 - 09.02.18
Mid Term Break	12.02.18 - 16.02.18
Staff Development Day	19.02.18
Term 4	20.02.18 - 29.03.18
Easter Holiday	30.03.18 - 13.04.18
Good Friday	30.03.18
Easter Monday	02.04.18
Term 5	16.04.18 - 25.05.18
May Day	07.05.18
Mid Term Break	28.05.18 - 01.06.18
Term 6	04.06.18 - 24.07.18
Staff Development Day	13.07.18

**NB: Development Days for academic year 2018/19 have not yet been assigned.**

## Cup Winners

Peru - Jack and Peru Class  
Chile - Gaia  
Jamaica - Abi  
Cuba - Phoebe  
Sweden - Layla and Frederico  
Norway - Star  
Mali - Holly  
Sri-Lanka - Alfie  
Nepal - Grace  
Iceland - Alessia  
Italy - Amelia and Ruby  
Citizen of The Week - Gabriel

Dates for your Diary	
28th February	10:00am Nepal Class Assembly
1st March	World Book Day
7th March	10:00am Nepal Class Assembly
14th March	10:00am Jamaica Class Assembly
16th March	Year 3 Stone Age Day
23rd March	Braiswick photographs—Whole School
27th March	6pm Cultural Evening
29th March	10am Year 4 Easter Assembly <b>Last Day of Term, school closes at 2:30pm—After School Club 2:30pm-5pm</b>
30th March—13th April	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
16th April	<b>Term 5 Begins</b>
9th May—11th May	Year 4 Kingswood
14th May—17th May	KS2 SATS
28th May—1st June	<b>Half Term</b>
4th June	<b>Term 6 Begins</b>
8th June	Year 3 Living History, Ancient Egypt workshop
5th July	Primary / Secondary Transition Day
12th July	Open evening
13th July	<b>Staff development day</b>
17th July	Year 6 Production
18th July	Year 6 Production
23rd July	Year 6 Ball
24th July	<b>Year 6 Leavers Assembly Last Day of Term, school closes at 2:30pm—After School Club 2:30pm-5pm</b>