

## What's on?

Please don't forget to order your child meals for next week using the [online link](#).

After Christmas we will be moving to a new school meal ordering system. You will be able to order meals directly onto ParentPay and will be required to pay for meals when you order them. (If your child is unwell and does not need a meal on the day, the cost of the meal will be refunded) You will still be required to order meals in advance, the deadline will be midnight on the Thursday, but you can order meals as far in advance as you like.

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### Christmas cards

Thank you very much to everyone who has already supported this project.

In case you missed the opportunity to order last time, or you would like to place a second order, the online store has re-opened. In this re-opening there are new products available with your child's design (coasters, teddies, jigsaw puzzles) as well as all the original products (cards, gift tags, mugs, wrapping paper, tea towels, eco bags).

The closing date for this **second and final** opening is **midnight on 18<sup>th</sup> November**.

To place your order you should go back to the online store and use the same ORG CODE and DESIGN CODE as you did in the first ordering window.

If you no longer have your Parent Order Form, you can go to [lost.myfundraisinghub.com](http://lost.myfundraisinghub.com) to retrieve your codes or contact [info@classfundraising.co.uk](mailto:info@classfundraising.co.uk), or call them on 01642 489000 where they will be happy to help. Please allow plenty of time before the final deadline to go through this process.

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### Riding a bike

Is your child in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 and cannot yet ride a bike? If your child has never had the opportunity to learn to ride a bike, or has tried but has not yet mastered the skill, but would love to, please contact the school office.

We have received some funding for the team from Bikeability to work with a small group of children who do not yet ride a bike. Your child can borrow a bike for the duration of the course.

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### Let's talk money!

Money can be an emotive topic and something we may find hard to talk about. Moneyhelper.org tries to address this by providing tips on how to talk to your partner or your children about money. They provide advice and ideas for talking to children whatever their age.

Take a look at:

<https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/family-and-care/talk-money/how-to-talk-to-your-children-about-money>

If you are concerned about money, finding it difficult to pay bills or struggling with debt don't be afraid to ask for help <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/costoflivingsupport> or speak to Judith Ledden, Home School Key Worker, mob 07864 814818. Email: [jledden@blake.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:jledden@blake.oxon.sch.uk)



## Dates for your diary

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Odd Socks Day** - please wear odd socks to raise awareness for anti-bullying week, celebrating our uniqueness and differences.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need** - wear casual clothes, something spotty, Pudsey accessories + donation for charity.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** - evening **DISCO!**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 4 and Year 6 carol service at 2pm

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Nativity** at 5:45pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 3 and Year 5 carol service at 2pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – after school **Christmas Raffle and Choir** singing

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - school **Christmas lunch**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - **Term ends at 1:30pm**

## Internet safety

It is never too early to start talking to your children about being safe when they are online.

Games and social media sites have age restrictions that we would strongly encourage that you adhere to. Security settings are not as robust as the age rating on them increases and so your child could find themselves more vulnerable than you think when playing certain games.

There are lots of resources online to help you support your children and make sure they stay safe online – we recommend <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

In school we take internet safety and incidences of inappropriate online messaging very seriously. Please support us by talking to your children openly and honestly about how to behave well when interacting online and the importance not just of staying safe online, but also showing our Values.

*Loving, learning and flourishing in community*

## Around Blake Care

Our wrap around provision is hugely popular and much enjoyed by the many children who attend. We employ a significant number of staff across the three groups to ensure that children are safe and have fun.

Owing to the numbers wanting to access our provision, we are looking at recruiting additional staff.

If you might be interested in working for a couple of hours after school, especially with our youngest children, please contact the school office to find out more about the role – [office.3600@blake.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3600@blake.oxon.sch.uk)