

# Newsletter

## News from Mrs Patchett

In Monday's Collective Worship Mr Edwards-Grundy read a story about an ogre. The ogre was given a challenge to rip up paper, or leave the villagers alone. As Mr Edwards-Grundy demonstrated, one piece of paper alone is really easy to rip, but as the ogre hadn't realised, when everyone gave just one sheet of paper it became impossible to tear!

The ogre in the story could not be defeated by any one person alone; it took the whole village to co-operate and work together to triumph in the end. The story enabled all of us to reflect that Unity and Co-operation are really important values for every day at school as we live and learn together as a community.

The story also reminded us that even though we may feel that the part we play is small or insignificant (just like a single sheet of paper), everyone has a part to play. Our part in ensuring that our community is a safe and happy place is just as important as the part that everybody else plays. Our strength is in working together and finding a way to co-operate together.

Today in Collective Worship it was a real joy to celebrate harvest and to be thankful for all the good things that we have. Harvest prayers were shared, the choir performed for the first time this year and we all sung our favourite harvest songs - Harvest Samba and Global Neighbours.

Thinking about being global neighbours is what inspired us to donate the money from our fresh produce to twin a toilet! If you did not have cash with you today to purchase fresh items, or you would really like to make a donation towards twinning a toilet, then do put some cash in an envelope and send it in to school next week. £60 will twin a toilet and bring clean water and reduce needless deaths because of poor sanitation.

The dried food donated today has been donated to local charity Besom. The member of the charity who came to collect our harvest offering was delighted to receive the huge pile of dried goods, which will enable them to give food parcels to families locally who are experiencing hardship. A massive thank you to everyone who donated or purchased items, your generosity will make a real difference to both our local community and our global neighbours.



## Getting ahead for Christmas!

We hope your child came home today with a Parent Order Form for The Friends Christmas 2024 Fundraising Project. You should be able to see the wonderful Christmas artwork that your children enjoyed creating in school.

We'd love it if you could help with the fundraiser by taking a look at the cards, wrapping paper, tea towels etc that are available for you to buy. Your order card has details of how to view, approve and order any products online. We cannot emphasise enough that the name and class you enter online is how the details will appear on any products.

The online shop will close at 12 noon on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**. Ordering by this time ensures our school gets a great commission rate! We hope you'll find something you'd like to buy.

If you need any help with the ordering process, do pop in to school and ask. Thank you in advance for your support.

The Friends of The Blake School

## Next week

The Year 6 children go to Quinta on Monday and will be away for the week. We will be adding photos to our website when we can if you want to keep up with what the children are doing.

On Tuesday, the children in our Early Years are going on a trip to Cogges Farm. If you have not booked a packed lunch for your child, you will need to make a packed lunch for them.

On Thursday, we will be celebrating World Mental Health Day, with all children coming in to school wearing something yellow.

We are sorry that we are not yet able to open the bookings for parents' evenings – we will make sure they are ready to be accessed on Monday.

## Values Awards

Congratulations to our Values Awards winners this week. As always it was an absolute delight to recognise the myriad of ways in which children are showing our Values and enhancing our community life.



## Reminders!

We know it must feel as if we often repeat the same messages and we apologise to those of you who are working with us and for whom these reminders must be frustrating. Please can we remind you –

- Label uniform, snack pots, water bottles and coats –our un-named lost property is growing.
- Do not park on the yellow zig-zags outside of the school, or on the pavements around the school.
- Our PE kit is plain black bottoms and plain white tops and a school red jumper/hoodie.
- Meals must be ordered by midnight on Thursdays, but you can order anytime!

# News from Around the School

The children in Year 4 have produced some amazing writing, using the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' as their inspiration. The children have come up with some really original ideas that made us smile. We especially enjoyed the letter from the teacher saying her throat was sore, and she would rather be in Hawaii! Well done Year 4.

Dear Y4IF

It is me paper, I am writing because you do not use me probably.

Firstly you never use me probably you wast me into balls I look creased I wish my friends be ing 2/3 crunched up.

In addition you make me into paper airplanes and please tel everyone to stop making crasis.

Please tel our enome to rap paper that they should be in the bin and I should be reused not you.

Your Friend paper

Dear Steve, 2nd May 2025

It's me pencil, I am writing to you because you aren't sharpening me! My lead is getting too small before I get sharpend!! I am extremely annoyed and I want to furiously leave! In fact, I am.

Also, I keep being dropped and its scary. My lead could break.

So until you stop I'm going to florida in America!

Your Frustrated friend, Pencil.

DEAR, DUK CAN

Hi, it's me red crayon, I am writing to you because you use me all the time and I'm getting quite bored so CAN I HAVE a break? I've been used for 2 year's so CAN I HAVE peace? That would be great because i've been used by you DUK CAN for 2 year's and my friends are 1 year's old AND you let them HAVE rest's but NOT me?!

1<sup>st</sup> October Tuesday

Dear Nick It is me water bottle. I am writing to you because firstly STOP FLIPPING ME!!! and if I get spilled then I will be super super super super MAD so what I am really asking for is can you stop playing with me, and just use me to DRINK out of please!!!

1st October 2024

Dear Miss Flecher, It's me Quiet Critter.

I'm writing to you because it's unfair everybody else is treated well when I'm treated BADLY! Something needs to change.

Firstly, the children are shouting and screaming and genrilly being loud it hurts my feelings and I'm not getting given out!

Secondly the children are Messing around with me it's like they're in preschool I'm destroyed is you could fix me I wouldn't have to move. I'm feeling sad and lost out.

Your lonely friend, Quiet Critter.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Dear Rosie

It's me Fruit bin, I'm writing to you because I am tired of people standing, kicking and pulling recycling in me. I want to quit!

I love being a bin but I hate how people aren't using me appropriately. This can be solved by moving me to the mud area.

Also it could be solved with signs. I am feeling very annoyed and I think my sides are bowed from people standing on me.

Your hurt friend, Fruit bin

1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2024

Dear Mrs Flecher

It's me pencil case

I am writing to you because the children keep on breaking my limbs and it hurts a lot!

I Love being in the draw because the children leave me alone, I can have some peace and quiete and go to sleep

Unfortunately, I can't have some peace when the children are here.

I wish that the children treated me nicely and they gave me a bit more rest.

Your hurt and tired friend, Pencil case

Loving, learning and flourishing in community