

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in Collective Worship we read together one of the books that we often read through with children who are having a difficult time. 'The Huge Bag of Worries' is all about a child who ends up dragging around a huge bag of worries with them.

In the story the little girl finds her worries resolved when she shares them with a trusted adult, she 'was astonished to see how small they looked when they were out in the open.' Together they deal with the worries, giving some to other people like her Mum and Dad, some disappear because they don't like being in the light and some she just said good-bye to.

As we thought more about Peace, the story was a useful reminder of the need to find Peace within ourselves, to deal with the things that cause us anxiety and to find ways to manage the challenges that we face.

For Christians, Peace with God is also part of learning to be at peace with yourself. I shared a very simple way of praying using your hand, reflecting on who God is, thanking God for something, saying sorry for something, asking God for help and saying 'I need'. The rhythm of the simple prayers can also help us to manage our worries and so to find peace.

The Bible shares the words of Jesus – 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.'

Hearing those words of Jesus I am reassured, like the girl who shared her huge bag of worries, that I can find Peace whatever my circumstances. Sharing my worries with Jesus enables me to recognise that I am not alone and that I can find Peace with him.

Thanks from The Friends

We would like to say an enormous thank-you to everyone who has supported our two most recent fundraising events.

The Wild Walk has so far raised £3700 (excluding Gift Aid). If you have any more sponsorship money at home, it is not too late to bring it in!

The fete last Friday has so far raised £1440, which is a really terrific effort and reflects the hard work that went into the event.

Our thanks to The Friends for all their ongoing hard work raising money that benefits all children – every penny makes a difference. Thank you for your support.

Values Awards

Congratulations to the children across the school who this week earned a Values Award. As always it was such an encouragement to hear how your children are choosing to live according to our Values. Well done to each and every one of them.



Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the parent/carer survey, about a third of parents have responded so far. It would be wonderful to hear the views of as many of our community as possible. If therefore you have not yet completed the survey, please can we ask that you [do so this weekend](#)? We will be closing the survey at the end of next week.

Trips, visits and swimming

We are encouraging all parents to have a look at ParentPay to check that all outstanding balances have been cleared.

Please make sure that you have paid for class trips, visits in school, residential trips and swimming.

If there are outstanding amounts that you have not discussed with the school, but that you know you will not be able to meet, please do contact the school office in confidence to discuss this.

If your child is going on a trip in the next couple of weeks, please also make sure you have completed the online forms giving them permission to attend.

Thank you!

Around Blake Care

We are already starting to think about staffing for our wrap around provision in September.

If you already use ABC it will be assumed that you require the same sessions for your children in September as you have now.

If you will require any different sessions please email Claire as soon as possible – abc@blake.oxon.sch.uk

Parking

We know that the yellow zig-zag lines outside the front of the school are faded, but they are still there! Parking on the yellow lines is an offence, as well as putting our children and their parents at risk.

Please use the large car park. As always, we encourage as many people as possible to walk, ride or scoot to school, it's better for you and better for our world.

If you do drive to school, please adhere to the 20mph speed limit that is in place all around the school, and park considerately.

Unless you, or your children, are disabled, please do not use the staff car park at any time.

Bike riding

At the end of the school day today, a child who was riding their bike on the school site, rode into a parent who was collecting their child from school.

When children are given permission to ride their bikes to school it is on the following conditions –

- The bike is roadworthy
- A cycle helmet must be worn
- Bikes must not be ridden on the playground or school premises.

If these rules are not followed then permission to ride a bike to school will be withdrawn. If your child rides a bike to school, please do remind them of the need to be courteous to others, and to walk with their bike when they are on the school site.

Children who have been given a place on the Level 3 Bikeability course are undertaking the training next week – information has been sent home regarding this.

News from Around the School

On Tuesday morning, it was a real joy to welcome so many parents, grandparents and friends to the school for our sports event for children in Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3. All the children worked hard and participated with real enthusiasm – well done to them all. A special thank-you to our children in Year 6, who supported the younger children so brilliantly. Fingers crossed the weather is kind on Tuesday of next week for our sports event for children in Years 4, 5 and 6.





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