

What's on?

Photographs tomorrow

We would like to remind everyone that tomorrow all children will have their photograph taken. Children will have a photo taken individually and then later in the morning photographs will be taken of family groups.

All children should come to school in their ordinary school uniform tomorrow – **not their PE kit.**

Thank you from Besom





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Website: www.witneybesom.org

Autumn 2024
Dear Friends

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8:22

It is the harvest season when Besom is particularly blessed by donations that restore our depleted food supplies. We are very grateful to many people, like yourselves, who give so generously.

Our food parcels continue to be appreciated by many households across West Oxfordshire. This winter we expect more requests from pensioners who may have fuel payments stopped & for others struggling with food prices & energy bills. Besom continues to give supermarket vouchers to enable people to buy fresh food, as well as receiving non-perishable items.

May you know the Lord's blessing as you give to relieve some of the financial pressures on many individuals & families at this time. Our latest newsletters are on our website.

Every blessing from
The Besom Team

Shoeboxes – Hope at Christmas

We have had another delivery of pre-wrapped, empty shoeboxes. If you would like to collect a shoe box, you can find them in the front school entrance. Filled shoeboxes should be returned to school after the half-term break.

Autumn trail

Please support this initiative from The Friends – send your money into school in a clearly named envelope. Trail sheets will be distributed next week.



HALF TERM AUTUMN TRAIL

To help raise money for the school, the Friends would like to invite you and your children to take part in an Autumn trail.

Grab a trail sheet, wrap up warm and head down to Oxlease Park to find and solve the clues for your chance to win.

everyone who purchases a trail sheet will be automatically entered into the Prize Draw.

Please send your money into school in a named envelope and reference 'Autumn Trail' by Wednesday October 23rd to ensure that your child receives their trail sheets before the end of term.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Trail Sheets are £2 each

**THE FRIENDS OF THE
BLAKE SCHOOL**

School Disco

Please don't forget that we will be having a Disco, organised by The Friends after school on Friday 15th November. Further details of timings will be shared nearer the time, but do please save the day for this hugely popular event.

Children in Need

As usual, we will be celebrating Children in Need in School, with children being invited to wear spots and dots and all things Pudsey. Children do not need to wear school uniform on that day. We will be inviting children to bring in a donation towards the charity, but will also have an online link for those of you who prefer to donate in that way.

Children's use of smartphones

A parent from our community has asked if they can circulate a survey to our parent body about their children's use of Smartphones.

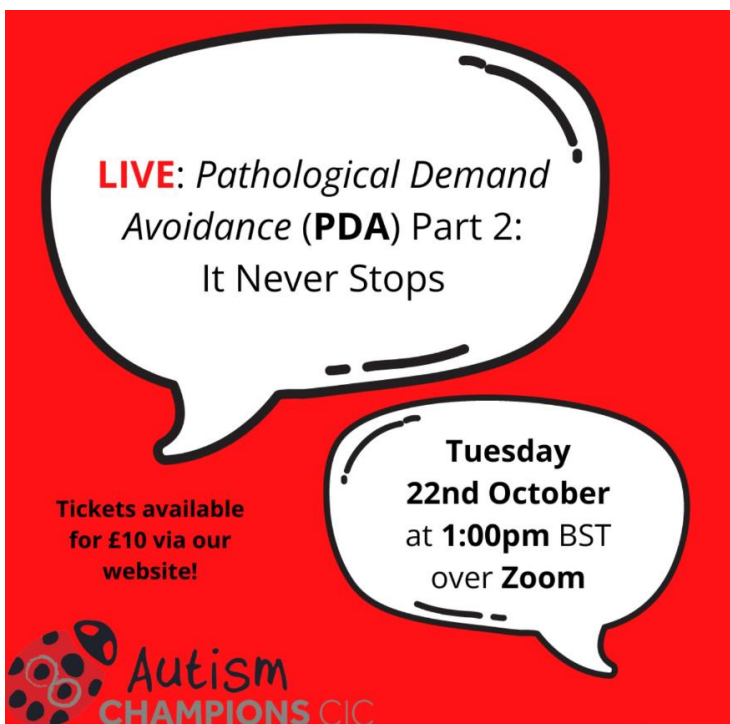
My name is Simon and I'm a parent at our school. [Smartphone Free Childhood](#) is a grassroots movement that has a 200,000 + strong parent community that is raising awareness to try to change the cultural norm of giving young children access to smartphones and social media.

I recognise this is a sensitive topic where everyone might feel differently. It would be really helpful to understand how the community feels about smartphone use and I have therefore devised a survey. The survey is completely anonymous and will take only five minutes to complete.

[The survey](#) will initially be open until the end of next week, results will be shared early next term.

Many thanks

Simon Gresswell



LIVE: Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) Part 2: It Never Stops

Tickets available for £10 via our website!

Tuesday 22nd October at 1:00pm BST over Zoom

Autism CHAMPIONS CIC



Follow us on Facebook and Instagram

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and a cuppa

For families supporting children on the autistic spectrum

Please come and join us on the **last Friday of the month** (term time only) for a friendly cuppa and chat.

All families welcome, with or without a diagnosis.

Upstairs in the Como Lounge
34 Market Square, Witney
9am - 10.30am


If you have any questions, please email chatandacuppa@yahoo.com

Diary Dates

Term ends for all children on Thursday of next week (24th October). There is a staff training day on Friday.

Next term starts for all children on Tuesday 5th November. Monday 4th November is a Trust wide staff training day.

Due to inset days on the last Friday of this month Chat and a Cuppa will be meeting this Friday, 18th October instead at Como Lounge in Witney 9am-10.30am. Hope to see you there!



SPORT is POWERFUL

SPORTS CAMP

THE SPORTS COURSE INVOLVES

- SPORTS SKILLS
- FUN GAMES/MATCHES
- LUNCHTIME MOVIE
- POSSIBLE TROPH
- BOUNCY CASTLE
- SWEETS

REPLY SLIP

NAME..... AGE.....

SCHOOL.....

EMERGENCY CONTACT.....

MEDICAL INFO.....

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ANDREWS ACTIVE £25/DAY/ £20/DAY for 3 DAYS
10% FAMILY DISCOUNT
1 CHILD FREE IF YOU HAVE 3 OR MORE SIBLINGS
(If booked on for whole week)

DATES/TIMES ON REVERSE




October Half Term Holiday Club

Join us at Vicky's Holiday Club!

Located at Aston & Cote Primary School
From 8.30 am – 5.00 pm

Monday, 28 October 2024
Tuesday, 29 October 2024
Wednesday, 30 October 2024
Thursday, 31 October 2024
Friday, 1 November 2024

Vicky's Holiday Club is open to all children aged 4-11 and will include fun activities, including arts and crafts, sport, indoor and outdoor play, baking and much more. Bring your own packed lunch (a light tea and snacks will be provided) £40.00 per day (Please note – Tax Free Vouchers accepted)



To book contact Vicky Hickman
Call 07887711454 or
Email: holiday@vickysafterschoolclub.co.uk

All staff are CRB checked and first aid trained!



WR SPORTS CAMPS IS COMING TO... WITNEY!!!

THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM

Hailey C of E Primary School, Witney, OX29 9UB

JOIN US AT OUR BRAND NEW FOOTBALL AND MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-12

**OFSTED REGISTERED
CHILD CARE VOUCHERS**

FROM £21

To celebrate the launch...
FLASH SALE SAVE 30%

Code: HAILEY30

Activities to Expect:

Active:

- Gymnastics
- Dodgeball
- Cricket
- Badminton
- Arts and Crafts
- Basketball

Football:

- Shooting
- Defending
- Goal Keeping
- Tournaments
- 1v1 mini games

AND SO MUCH MORE!!

BOOK NOW TO JOIN US THIS HALF TERM:
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A COLLABORATION BETWEEN MIGHTY ME - LIFE COACHING FOR CHILDREN AND NATURE MAKERS.

**OCTOBER HALF TERM
WONDERFUL WELLBEING
RETREAT
For Children**

DATE: WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER
PLACE: ELDERBANK HALL, STATION RD, BRIZE NORTON
TIME: 9.30AM - 2.30PM
AGE RANGE - 4-11 YEAR OLDS
PRICE: £50.00

Yoga and meditation with Felicity Baker - Primary PE Specialist

Nature craft, sensory play, and mindfulness with Claire from Nature Makers

Celebrating our Uniqueness through art and mindset activities with Rebecca from Mighty Me - Life Coaching for Children

Bookings can be made below:
<https://www.nature-makers.co.uk/oxfordshire-west>

Loving, learning and flourishing in community