



Letter from the Headteacher

A huge welcome back to everyone after what was for me a very enjoyable summer. I do hope you had an equally enjoyable time.

This is a very important term for the school as we consolidate many changes that were introduced last year. Our school focus areas are presentation in writing, problem solving in mathematics, developing sports further and lastly working again on improving learning behaviours and introducing a parents council to give you more of a voice.

The last area is extremely important and we do hope that we get a strong response. **At present we are two governors short on our governing body.** One of the roles is parent governor, and the other is more generic. Please could you consider this. In order to be successful it is crucial we have parents and local people to help challenge, support and guide us to make this school a fantastic, learning environment.

If anyone does wish to be considered for the governing body, please make an appointment to come and speak with me and I can share the expectations of this vital role. I do promise that we try and keep meetings to a minimum and there is a huge amount of help for new governors. I feel we have a really supportive group who would be very welcoming.

The new Headteacher, Mr Shaun Carter, will be visiting the school on the following dates:

27th Sept, 10th Oct, 3rd Nov and 15th Nov.

You may see him in the playground or your child's class.

Lastly, I would like to remind parents of the importance of attending the **class information sessions** next week. These are crucial in finding out how each class works and how we can make the parent / school partnership work effectively.

Erasmus +

The visit to Romania last year was very successful and the film is on the website for you to watch.

Unfortunately we did make a bid for a new project but were unsuccessful for the first time. I am sure we will reapply soon to maintain our international perspective. In the meantime we do have offers from Sweden and Romania to maintain links.

"It is not what
you do for your
children, but
what you have taught
them to do
for themselves
that will make
them successful
human beings."

Ann Landers

LearningStationMusic.com

Metacognition

The key skills and attitude we are exploring this term will be self-managing, independence and collaboration. We will also be working with the school council looking at the importance of respect for ourselves and other people. Last year we found that children really benefited from being able to discuss the learning skills that they excelled at and those they needed to work on to improve.

WEBSITE

The new website is up and running and the address is <http://www.bliss.northants.sch.uk> It is now full of all sorts of vital information that will help you and your child find out what is happening at school and celebrate our many achievements.

Safeguarding

The school safeguarding staff are Mr Scanlan, Miss Thompson, Mrs Adey, Mrs Caller and Mrs Simpson.

The role of safeguarding officer is to ensure that all children are looked after well, kept safe and thrive at school.

Lunches

The school has commissioned new school lunch providers called Dolce. The signs so far are extremely positive with the quality of food markedly better and far more nutritious. We will be monitoring this to ensure the standard is maintained. I had a lunch yesterday and can fully recommend the meal to you.

Please can I ask that children who have packed lunches do not bring in nuts. We have many children who have life threatening allergies and it is too great a risk to take.

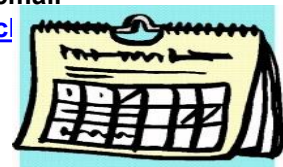


Dates for your calendar

For email's from the school please bring your email address to the school office or email

bursar@blisscharity.northants-ecl.gov.uk or office@bliss.northants.sc

school website: www.bliss.northants.sch.uk



- 12th Sept – 3.30 pm – Class 2 curriculum meeting
- 3.30 pm – Class 3 curriculum meeting
- 4.00 pm – Class 4 curriculum meeting
- 5.30 pm - Class 6 curriculum meeting
- 13th Sept – 3.30 pm – Class 1 curriculum meeting
- 3.30 pm – Class 5 curriculum meeting
- 19th Sept – 3.30 pm - Maths calculation evening for parents – crèche
- 23rd Sept – 10.30 am - Harvest Festival at St Peter's and St Paul's Church
- 26th Sept – 6.00 pm - Full governors meeting
- 3rd Oct – Classes 5 & 6 – Bank the Drum at Olympic Park – details to follow separately
 - Reception children in mornings and lunch
- 7th Oct – KS 1 Celebration assembly for Reception, Class 1 and Class 2 – parents welcome
- 17th Oct – Reception children in all day
 - Parents evening & book fair – details to follow separately 3.30 – 8.00 pm
- 18th Oct - Parents evening & book fair - details to follow separately 3.30 – 6.00 pm
- 21st Oct – 2.45 pm – Class 1 parent share
- 21st Oct – School closes for half term
- 31st Oct – Staff training day – School closed
- 1st Nov – School opens for Term 2

Harvest Festival

The harvest festival will take place in the church on Friday 23rd September in the church. Parents are invited to attend but please be warned it can get to be quite a 'squash' sometimes!



Sports

Sports clubs will be starting very soon. The hope is that we can work more closely with Campion again and link our clubs to their tournaments. Mr Jones, Mr Cundill and Mr Schultz will be running the clubs after school and at lunchtimes.

Another new development is the personal fitness programme that has been devised by the sports leaders, with awards given for achieving targets.