



# Leckhamptonbulletin

C of E Primary School

Week  
ending 27<sup>th</sup>  
May 2016

Dear Parents

As we come to the end of term, I should like to congratulate all of the children who participated in the Cheltenham Competitive Festival; it was fantastic to see so many certificates and medals. A huge thanks to families who came along to support Sports Day this week. The children really enjoyed the day, despite it being a little chilly.

## **Staffing News**

In July we will be saying farewell to Mrs Wilkinson, Mr Carbin and Mrs Thomas.

Mrs Wilkinson is retiring after many years of service to the School and has touched the lives of many children and families.

Mr Carbin is leaving us for a new teaching challenge in Kuwait. After 4 years of service, Mr Carbin has worked tremendously hard to raise the profile of sport in school; involving more children than ever in clubs and events around the County.

Mrs Emma Thomas, who has worked with the school on a short term contract this year, is leaving us to start a new permanent position in a local school.

All members of staff will be sadly missed, however I am sure you will want to join me in wishing them every success for the future. We are currently finalising new staffing appointments for September and I look forward to sharing news on the new members of staff who will be joining our team after half term.

We also say goodbye to two of our Mid-Day supervisors, Ms Letley and Ms James. Both members of staff have given a huge amount to support the children at lunchtimes and we wish them lots of luck in their new jobs.

## **Attendance**

As the warmer weather commences, I thought it might be useful to remind parents of aspects of our attendance policy.

### ***Request for leave during term time***

Please could I remind parents that holidays cannot be authorised during term time. As stated in our Attendance Policy:

"The government's amendments make clear that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

As stated in the regulations, Headteachers may now only grant leave in exceptional circumstances however, we do understand that a parent may need to request legitimate leave of absence for a child. We now ask that parents and carers contact the school at least two weeks prior to the requested leave dates in writing, outlining the exceptional circumstances as to why leave must be taken in term time. Should a parent/carer wish to discuss the circumstances around a leave request prior to putting it in writing, the Headteacher would be more than happy to arrange a time to meet."

### *Request for leave school during the school day*

Where a child is required to be absent at a point during the school day, a note to the class teacher or telephone message left with the office is required. Such authorised absences might include; medical appointments, music or dance examinations (for the duration of the exam only) and open day visits to secondary schools.

All other absences during the school day, including participation in the performing arts festival (organised by the parent and not the school) require permission from the school. A request for leave must be made to the Headteacher in writing outlining the circumstances around the leave request.

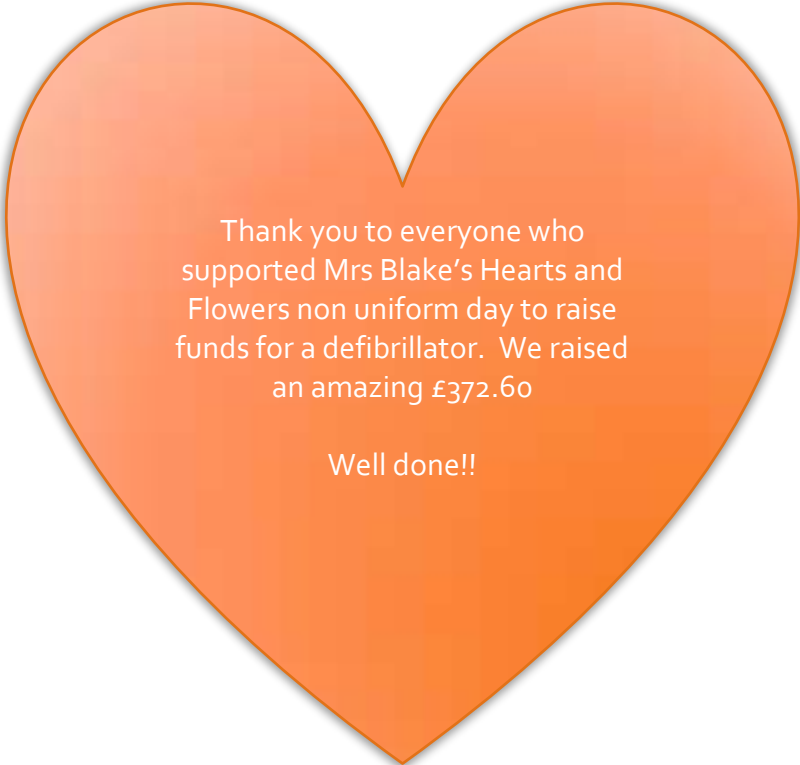
### *Lateness*

I am noticing an increased number of children who are arriving late to the school. Please could I remind all parents that the school bell rings at 8.45am, signalling the start of the school day. All children must be on the school site ready to line up with their classmates by 8.45am.

If there is a specific reason as to why your child must arrive late, please contact the school office in the first instance in order that we can ensure lunches are ordered.

Should you have any queries regarding attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Best Wishes  
Sam Porter  
Headteacher



Thank you to everyone who supported Mrs Blake's Hearts and Flowers non uniform day to raise funds for a defibrillator. We raised an amazing £372.60

Well done!!

# Summer Fayre



Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016

at the Scout Hut, 207, Leckhampton Road

## 3pm **Treasure Hunt**

2 mile walk around hills and roads of Leckhampton.  
See if you can answer all the questions and you could win a prize!

Collect your trail sheet from the Scout Hut from 3pm

## 4pm **Games and Stalls**

Selection of traditional scouting games – some with a modern twist! Cake stall and tombola.

## 5pm **BBQ and Licensed Bar**

Delicious locally sourced burgers and sausages.





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# SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

12 NOON - 4PM  
FREE ENTRANCE

FUN FOR EVERYONE  
AND MOST ACTIVITIES ARE FREE

BRUSH UP ON YOUR SPORT AND CIRCUS SKILLS!

EQUINE DEMOS AND FARRIER

HAVE A GO AT ARCHERY TAG

GET UP CLOSE WITH OUR CRAZY CRITTERS!

ENTER OUR DOG SHOW

ZORBS, CLIMBING WALL AND INFLATABLES!

AND SO MUCH MORE!!!

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Hartpury College, Gloucester, GL19 3BE



*This event is in support of Teens In Crisis*







### LECKHAMPTON NETBALL TEAM

Needs YOU !

Currently recruiting new team members to join our social netball team

Come along to Balcarras Sports Hall Thursday nights 9-10pm or our special Rusty Returners night the first Thursday after half term ( 9<sup>th</sup> June )

We are a group of mums from across all school years

Led by professional coach Kim Williams

For further details contact JO on

[07503210680](tel:07503210680)/[jojohnson@doctors.org.uk](mailto:jojohnson@doctors.org.uk) or better still just turn up!

Pay as you go or termly payment options

# CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL CHELTENHAM

FIRST 500 RECEIVE  
A FREE GOODY  
BAG!

Saturday

28<sup>th</sup> May

10:00 - 13:00

Cheltenham Town Hall



Exploring Technology  
Making Music  
Playing Outside  
Telling Stories  
Being Healthy



In Partnership with Local Organisations  
[@CheltenhamChildrensFestival](https://www.facebook.com/CheltenhamChildrensFestival)

## High School for Girls

Denmark Road, Gloucester GL1 3RN Telephone: 01452 543335 [www.fhdg.org](http://www.fhdg.org)

# Open Morning

For parents/carers and current Year 5 students

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2016

School will be open to visitors from 8.45 - 10.45 am

Why not come and see us during a working morning?



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