



Letter from the Headteacher

Now we are in the last 'full term' of the year we move into a different phase. Much more of the curriculum will be taught using the outdoors. This is something that we really value as a school and feel that it helps make us a bit special.

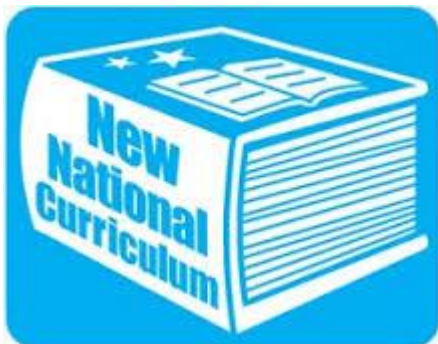
However, we do need to be aware that children do need protection from the sun, particularly if they are spending longer periods of time outside.

Please ensure that children do have the appropriate clothing for the sun, particularly 'brimmed' hats. If it does get too hot there may be times when we feel unable to allow children without hats to participate in some activities.

Like all clothing please ensure that these hats are labelled as we have another clothing mountain growing outside classrooms. A very expensive mountain for parents! It is impossible for us to keep watch on every child's clothing if it is unnamed.

There have been numerous changes to the curriculum and particularly 'levels'. Just when parents were beginning to understand what a L3 or L4 meant they have been taken away. From September they will be gone completely. Instead we will be reporting on how well children are achieving for their year group.

Please bear with us as we will try and get it right and we will then have a parents meeting to explain how we are sharing information and how you can become more involved in your child's education. We are of course assuming that the election does not bring about more changes in the meantime!



Comenius

Many children from Class 6 will be going to Romania and Slovenia this term as we draw close to an end of the present project. It is envisaged that we do prepare for another project during the next academic year, probably on children as action researchers.

However, during the year we will be maintaining our close links with partner schools and carrying out several mini projects together. The new curriculum will also reflect our interest in Global Learning as well as International schools.

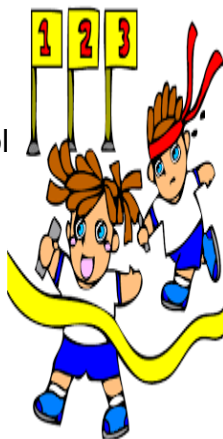


Metacognition

The metacognition skills and attitudes we will be concentrating on for the next few weeks are enthusiasm, research and questioning. I am still very excited about the metacognition and we have been asked as a school to share this innovative practice across Northamptonshire.

Congratulations

To the School Council who have been so pro active in establishing new school rules for the children and with all the classes. It has been a real lesson in democracy and genuine consultation. Very apt!



Sports

The sports day will be run by Ben this year and will take place on Tuesday June 16th from 9am. The alternative day is Thursday 18th June.

It will be run using the same format as the last two years which has been so well received by parents and children.

In PPA time we will have tennis, fishing and sports day preparations for the younger children which should be great fun.

Ben continues to run his sports clubs which is great.

Please, please, please!!!!

Please:

- Name all clothing.
- Send children to school with sunhats and other protection.
- Avoid parking on the zig zag lines as you could be endangering children's lives.
- Ensure earrings are not worn, studs only, and that these can be removed for PE lessons.
- Remember that snacks at break can only be fruit – no bars of any description please.
- Ensure children wear helmets if cycling to school and walk bikes and scooters through the playground.



Mrs Newton

Some more astute parents will have noticed that Mrs Newton is pregnant and will probably be leaving the school for maternity at the start of the next year. I have not made decisions about teachers and classes for next year, but please be assured that I will be making these decisions in the best interests of the children at the school.

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

- 30th April – Potted sports tournament @ Campion – year 6
- 11th May – 14th May – KS2 SATs (Year 6) and school tests (Year 3 – 5) – no absences please
- 22nd May – School closes for half term
- 30th May – 5th June – Year 6 Slovenia visit
- 1st June – School opens for Term 6
- 8th June – New Reception parents evening – 6.00 pm, crèche available
- 16th June – Sports Day – 9.00 am The Green
- 18th June – reserve sports day – 9.00 am The Green
- 23rd June – Class 1 to Holdenby House – details to follow separately
- 25th June – Class 3 to Roman Lunt – details to follow separately
- 6th July – 13th July – Year 6 Romania visit
- 6th & 7th July – Year 6 transfer days at Campion
- 6th July – Change over afternoon – all new Reception (Sept 2015)
- 7th July – Reception to Sea Life Centre – details to follow separately
- 14th July – E-safety meetings for parents at 3.30 and 5.30 pm – details to follow separately
- 21st July – Leavers Assembly – 1.30 pm for year 6 parents only please
- 21st July – School closes for Summer Holidays.

