



THE BATT C.E. SCHOOL

THE BATT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

Information Evening for Parents

Thank you to those parents who attended the information evening about Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, Maths and Internet Safety; I hope you found it useful in terms of information about the curriculum and how to help the children more at home. It was disappointing not to have more parents there as the curriculum has changed significantly in the last four years and it can be challenging for the children, and therefore parental support and knowledge is vital, including when supporting with homework. As you may already know, we have a lot of resources and links on our website, including PowerPoint presentations, activities and links to games and apps. Please go to the 'Learning at Home' section under the 'For Parents' tab. We have also added a new 'Safeguarding' tab to our website. In this section, there are links to internet safety websites and their resources, some of which were available to parents on Tuesday evening.

Meat-Free Monday

Our School Council has recently voted to have Meat-Free Mondays on our lunch menu. This was an idea put forward by a group of Year Six children. I have arranged for this to be part of the new menu provided by the School Lunch Company after Half Term.

Year Six Secondary School Applications

The closing date for applications to secondary schools is Wednesday 31st October. Parents of Year Six children need to apply online via the Oxfordshire County Council Admissions department by this date. If you have any problems with this, please call in to speak to us.

Lower Junior Football

Well done to our Lower Junior football team who took part in the district 5-a-side competition at Carterton Community College on Wednesday. They played five matches, winning one, drawing one and losing three. For several players it was their first experience of competitive football and they did really well.

Parents' Evenings

As you are all aware, parents' evenings take place next week for Years One to Six. If for some reason you have been unable to book an appointment online, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

German Club

You may have noticed on the Clubs Booking Form, recently distributed, that we are now offering a German Club to Year Six children on a Tuesday and Year Four children on a Wednesday. These sessions will be run by Jacqueline Mainwaring, former Head of Languages at the Henry Box School.

Curriculum Enrichment

It has been a busy couple of weeks with various classes out on trips to enhance and enrich their curriculum. The Year Six children had an evacuation and World War Two day at Swindon Steam Museum, the Year Three classes had great fun on their Stone Age day at Hill End this week, the Year Five children enjoyed their Tudor experience at Sulgrave Manor and the infants had a great time at Batsford Arboretum last week.



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

We traditionally support the annual Christmas Shoe Box appeal run by the High Street Methodist Church and this year is no different. We have some empty shoe boxes, covered in Christmas wrapping paper, in school that families can take home and fill with small gifts etc. The boxes are sent to vulnerable children and families in Eastern Europe. We have distributed leaflets with details of what can and what cannot be included in the boxes. I hope some families will feel able to support this again this year. Please return the full box on Wednesday 7th November. Thank you.

Cook Book

We already have several recipes uploaded to the website www.thecookbookinitiative.com which will be included in our very own Batt School Cookbook. The access code is h263195c44. The closing date for adding recipes is Thursday 8th November. I hope we will have lots of wonderful recipes to fill the book!

BSA Gin Tasting

You will have received information about the BSA Gin Tasting evening to be held on Friday 2nd November at Majestic Wine Witney. I think this will be a popular event and I therefore recommend getting your order forms in as soon as possible. Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Cake Sale

A group of Year Five children are organising a cake sale next Wednesday after school. They are raising money for 'Dogs for Good', a dog rescue charity. They will also be selling second-hand children's books.

School Closed Next Friday

Our school will be closed for pupils next Friday (19th October) as it is an INSET (training) day.

Many thanks for your on-going support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Chris Payne
Headteacher

