



THE BATT C.E. SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you enjoyed the Half Term holiday.

Netball Success

We entered three teams in the Witney Partnership Hi Five tournament at Wood Green and Madley Brook Schools on Tuesday. The A team won their two pool matches without conceding a goal, won their semi-final 3-0 against Aston and Cote but unfortunately narrowly lost the final 5-3 to West Witney. They still proceed to the next round of the competition as runners up which is a great achievement.

Our B team progressed through their group after two wins and a draw and beat West Witney 2-1 in a very close-fought semi-final. They then competed in an epic final against The Blake and after a goalless draw at full-time, the golden goal rule was applied and in the fourth of the five extra minutes, Millie's shot spun around the hoop twice before finally dropping to give The Batt victory for the second year running.

Our C team played in a four-way league. After two comfortable victories in the first two matches, they fought hard against The Blake C team and came out as winners 3-2 and therefore overall C team champions.

Congratulations to all three teams!

Staff Changes

We said goodbye to Gemma Rodgeron, one of our Teaching Assistants in Year Three, just before Half Term. Her hours have been taken by Mrs Di Moore and Mr Andrew Jones, who already works here in Year Two. It was Ali Havord's last day with us today. Ali has been working most recently in Year Five, although she has worked in most year groups over the years. I would like to thank them both for their service and commitment to our school and wish them all the very best in the future.

Online Safety

It was drawn to my attention by parents earlier this week that a particularly unpleasant 'virus' is appearing on children's tablets and other gadgets in the middle of games or videos on YouTube, YouTube Kids, Minecraft etc. It is called the Momo Challenge and involves a particularly nasty cartoon face appearing and challenging the children to carry out inappropriate tasks. Several of our children have been subjected to this recently and therefore I instructed the teachers to reassure and educate the children about it during class time this week. I would advise parents and carers to talk to the children regularly about their online activities, ensure parental controls are set and monitor how much time they are spending on the internet and what they are watching. Specifically, in terms of Momo, I would advise that the "suggested auto-play" option is turned off on YouTube. If you would like more advice, please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com or call in to school for a leaflet about the Momo Challenge virus.

BSA Quiz

The BSA Quiz will take place next Friday. Tickets cost £10, which include chilli (meat and vegetarian options) and wedges, and a flyer with all the details is coming home with the children today. Teams should comprise of a maximum of 6 people.



Dom Baker's Easter Holiday Club

Mr Baker will be running a Holiday Club during the first week of the Easter Holiday. Activities will include a sporting challenge, Easter Egg hunt, Witney's Got Talent and a trip to the cinema. Please contact Dom for details of timings, costs, booking etc.

World Book Day

Next Thursday is World Book Day and the children will have the opportunity to come to school as a book character.

ParentPay – Online Payments

Thank you for your patience this week with the new online payments system. We have had a lot of positive response from parents and have had a 57% take up in the first week, which is brilliant. If you have not received a user name and password, please contact the school office. We are using this for breakfast club and lunches to begin with but will be adding school trips, and eventually the clubs will also be incorporated into the payment system. Please email the office with any questions that you may have as we are all learning as we go!

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

Next Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday and the BSA are giving families the opportunity to enjoy pancakes after school in the hall. Please come along and for just £1 you can adorn a pancake with your choice of toppings.

Minster Lovell Cricket

Minster Lovell Cricket Club are looking for new children to join them, particularly aged between 5 and 8. They are currently running training sessions at Carterton Community School from 6.00 - 7.00pm. The first session is free and from then on costs £3 per visit. They are also running "All Stars Cricket" in April and May which costs £45 and runs for 8 weeks. All children will receive coaching, a back pack, cricket bat, cricket ball, personalised shirt with name, a cap and an activity book. For more details of all the above, please contact Martyn Cross on 01993 774631 or email allcricketchipper@gmail.com.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Chris Payne
Headteacher

