



THE BATT C.E. SCHOOL



THE BATT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Photographers

As you know, the school photographers will be in school on Wednesday 4th November to take individual photographs of the children. If there are siblings in school, they will be photographed together as well as individually. As I mentioned last week, we are unable to offer family portraits after school as we have done previously.

Virtual Tour

We are in the process of putting together a video of our school for prospective parents to view on our website. We are very grateful to Abingdon and Witney College for their help with this in supplying a film crew earlier this week and putting the whole thing together. We hope to have it finished and available shortly after Half Term.

Open Mornings

During normal times, we would have organised a series of open mornings and afternoons for prospective parents during the school day. Unfortunately, owing to current restrictions, we are unable to do this. We are, however, holding two open mornings, on Saturday 7th and Saturday 14th November, with slots available to book between 9.30 and 12.00. If you know of any prospective parents that might be interested in either of these, please ask them to contact the school office to make an appointment.

Flu Vaccinations

As you will already be aware, Flu vaccinations are taking place at school on Thursday 5th November. If you have not already done so, please ensure you have completed the online consent form by Monday 2nd November.

End of the Day

As you know, our staggered arrival and departure times, at 5-minute intervals, are in place in order to reduce the number of people on the playground. Please ensure you leave the grounds promptly, particularly when collecting children at the end of the day. Thank you.

Non-Uniform Donations

I hope the children enjoyed coming to school out of school uniform today. Thank you very much for your donations towards the BSA funds. I will confirm how much we raised in the next newsletter.



Street Tag

Oxfordshire County Council have launched a new app to encourage families to get out more, walking, running, cycling etc, around their location. It is called Street Tag and parents are encouraged to download the free app, select our school as the team to represent and explore the activities available. By taking part in the activities, children and parents gain points for the school and at the end of a 12-week period (28th December for this 'season'), the school with the most points in their area will win a cash prize. One of the main ways to collect the most points is to use the map on the app to 'collect' virtual tags from different locations in Witney. As many of you walk to school, it may be that you pass a street tag on the way to and from school. With Half Term next week, it will be a great excuse to get out walking each day, collecting tags and points for our school. There is an additional activity for families next week, with the chance to win more prizes for families and the school.

We have attached five documents to help you get started – an introductory newsletter, how to join a team, how to add children, our Street Tag QR code that you will need to join our school team and information about the Half Term challenge. I hope you enjoy this new initiative and I look forward to seeing how many points we can earn.

Poppies

We will be selling Poppies at the gate from today onwards. The collecting box will be on a table and I would ask that you carefully pick out a poppy from the box in the most hygienic way possible. We are not able to offer the other Remembrance items this year unfortunately. I know the Royal British Legion are concerned that poppy selling will be a challenge this year because of Covid-19 and I know they would really appreciate your donations.

Lego Cards

We would normally allow children to bring in cards such as Lego and football to share and swap with their friends. Unfortunately, under the current circumstances, we are not allowing children to bring in cards to swap because of the risk of spreading infection. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Support for Parents

We are aware that some families are experiencing some extra hardship through these difficult times and would not necessarily be entitled to free school meals. If you feel that you fall into this category, please contact either Sharon Bark, or me in confidence, as we often have charities that ask us if we have families that would like some extra support by way of hampers, vouchers, clothing etc. We understand that this can be a sensitive area, so please be assured that we will keep this anonymous in all situations

Thank you very much for all your support during what has been quite a challenging term for many. I hope you are all able to have an enjoyable time next week with family and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd November.

Yours sincerely

Chris Payne
Headteacher



