

# **BLENHEIM PARK ACADEMY**



## **OCTOBER 2023**

### **Diary Dates**

Mon 23rd - Fri 27th Oct	Half Term
Mon 30th Oct	Back to School
Tues 31st Oct	Halloween Dress Up Day
Wed 15th Nov	Flu Vaccinations (whole school)
Fri 17th Nov	Children In Need
Mon 20th Nov	National Child Measurement Programme (Reception/Y6)
Mon 20th Nov	Parents Evening (Oak & Willow)
Tues 21st Nov	Parents Evening (All classes)
Wed 22nd Nov	Parents Evening (Birch)
Thurs 23rd Nov	Parents Evening (Birch)
Mon 27th Nov	Parents Evening (Willow)
Tues 12th Dec	Panto
Wed 13th Dec	Xmas Jumper Day (small donation)
Wed 13th Dec	Xmas Lunch (booking form to follow)
Mon 18th Dec	Nativity & Carol Service
Tues 19th Dec	Art Activities afternoon
Wed 19th Dec	Class parties

### **Fundraising**

Many schools across the UK fund raise to provide financial support for their school and to help supplement their budget. We, at Blenheim, are no different. With school budgets being continuously cut by the government, schools are having to rely on fundraising to give their students that little extra.

We're asking if any parent or group of parents would consider organising a fund raising event or events to please step forward. We can support you but do not have the time to organise these events.

We'd very much like to continue to be able to purchase our Y6 leavers hoodies (and all the extra projects and programmes that the school budget does not cover) but this is dependant on money being raised.

Can we please remind all parents that all children will need a change of footwear for outside use. Either a pair of wellies or trainers will suffice. As the weather starts to get colder, the children will still be having break times outside (weather permitting) so hat, scarf, gloves and a good winter coat will be required.

When entering and exiting the school premises via our 'pedestrian gate', please remember to make sure it is closed behind you, thank you.

### **Parking**

Can we please remind all parents to be considerate to all when parking during drop-off and pick up times. Unfortunately we have received a letter of concern from a local resident regarding this. Please do not park opposite the junction with Stirling Road or along Lancaster Road leading to the junction of Cherrywood Avenue as this does impede people from turning in/out of both these junctions (we can not enforce this, but please no one wants an accident).

Can we please remind all parents not to Classdojo teachers regarding appointments their child has or who is collecting their child at the end of the day, as these messages can be easily missed. Please call the school office if you are unable to collect your child at the end of the day with alternative arrangements.

### **New School Menus**

The new menu's will begin straight after half term. The new menu's have all been emailed to every parent on Tuesday 17th October. Please take time to go over the new menus with your child or children making sure they are aware what each meal consists of. We can only assume once a meal has been chosen by you, the parents, that the child will happily eat the chosen meal.

### **Parent's Evening**

All appointments for parents evenings will need to be made via the school office as unfortunately this option is now unavailable on the parent portal. Please wait until we tell you that all appointments are live and ready to be booked.

After half term we'll be selling poppies, snap bands (£1.50), wristbands (£1.00), zip pulls (50p), Reflector keychain (50p) at break times and lunch times only.

## **A message from Pupil Asset regarding the Parent App**

### **Parent App**

Pupil Asset have removed the Parent App from both Apple and Google Play Stores, with Parent App functionality now being provided by an improved and mobile compatible version of the **Parent Portal**.

If you have already downloaded the App to your mobile device, this **App will need to be uninstalled** and instead, navigate to the Parent Portal via <https://secure.pupilasset.com> on your mobile device's browser where you can login using your existing login credentials. The Portal can also be accessed via a browser on a Laptop, PC or Mac.

The Parent Portal has a similar menu structure to the App where you will be able to view your pupil's profile and access the features that your school has enabled.

For quick access, the Portal can be added to the home screen of your mobile device.

### **Tuesday 31st October**

All children may come dressed in their Halloween costumes for a small donation to school funds.

### **Children In Need**

This is a non-uniform day. We're asking the children to bring in their teddies for the day. A small donation for this amazing charity please.

### **Art activity afternoon Tuesday 19th December**

This is an open afternoon for you, the parents, to join your child in their classroom making art together. Please come in via the main office pedestrian gate at 2pm.

### **Nativity and Carol Service Monday 18th December**

This will be our traditional nativity play and carol service in place of our normal sharing assembly. Please come in as normal via the main office pedestrian gate at 2:15pm.

### **School Website**

We have recently made improvements and updates to our school website. This is where you'll find information about our curriculum and all our policies including Safeguarding.