

# **BLENHEIM PARK ACADEMY**



## **FEBRUARY 2024**

### **Diary Dates**

Tues 13th Feb	Pancake Dessert (with any chosen meal)
<b>Mon 19th - Fri 23rd Feb</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Mon 26th Feb	Return to School
<b>Mon 26th Feb</b>	<b>Final Instalment for Kingswood due</b>
Tues 5th Mar	Parent Café
<b>Thurs 7th Mar</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day Lunch (pre-ordered only)
<b>Tues 12th Mar</b>	<b>Kingswood Meeting 4:30pm</b>
Fri 15th Mar	Red Nose Day (more details to follow)
<b>Mon 18th - Thurs 21st Mar</b>	<b>Book Fair after School</b>
Wed 20th - Thurs 21st Mar	Parents Evening (Oak & Willow)
<b>Thurs 21st - Fri 22nd Mar</b>	<b>Parents Evening (Birch)</b>
Thurs 28th Mar - Fri 12th Apr	Easter Holidays
<b>Mon 15th Apr</b>	<b>Return to School</b>
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday
<b>Mon 13th - Thurs 16th May</b>	<b>SATs Week</b>
Mon 27th - Fri 31st May	Half Term
<b>Mon 3rd Jun</b>	<b>Return to School</b>
Mon 3rd - Wed 5th Jun	Residential to Kingswood (Y4, Y5 + Y6)
<b>Fri 14th Jun</b>	<b>Sport's Day/Family Picnic</b>
Tues 9th Jul	Y5 Fire Sessions at FAN
<b>Wed 10th Jul</b>	<b>Sandringham Trip (Whole School - more details to follow)</b>
Fri 19th Jul	Last Day of School
<b>Mon 22nd Jul - Tues 3rd Sept</b>	<b>Summer Holidays</b>
Wed 4th Sept	Return to School

## **Book Fair 2024**

### **Monday 18th March - Thursday 21st March**

Monday, the children will be given a chance to look at the books and to choose a favourite or two!

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, children and parents can visit the book fair together after school in the reception area.

World Book Day tokens can be used against a purchase of a book at the fair priced £2.99 and over.

A date for your diaries, Sport's Day will take place on Friday 14th June. We would like to invite you to a family picnic on the field from 12:15pm. Please bring your own picnic and refreshments (non alcoholic). Sport's Day will start at 1:15pm - more details to follow.

Reserve date in case of bad weather is Friday 21st June.

### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

We are looking for a second parent governor for our school to join our Local Governing Body.

There is no responsibility for being involved in the day to day running of the school but a 'behind the scenes' role. The role is working as part of a team where decisions made influence the whole school. The Local Governing Body meets three times a year during the day. The Local Governing Body work together to make sure the school runs well. There is plenty of opportunity to learn new skills, working with others to help to benefit the education of children. The experiences of school governorship look great on a CV, and can even create career opportunities. You will also get to know your child's school, especially in terms of its strengths and weaknesses. You will gain a great understanding of how the school is run, and this will have a positive knock-on effect on your child's education, academic outcomes and school life.

If you are interested and would like more information or to chat about it further, please contact the office.

## Parent voice

It was great to meet so many of you at the parent café this half term. I have put together all your suggestions and started working through the list. These are the ones actioned so far:

Even better if	Action taken
Parents allowed to be let through the gate at pick up and drop off	This is now in place.
More information about the Kingswood trip	An information meeting date has been set for Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March at 4.30pm.
Support for children who need extra help and parents	The next parent café will be on 5.3.24 starting 9am. Mel Perry from the North Norfolk Help Hub will join us for coffee, along with Mrs Parkinson our school parent support adviser. This café is for all parents to come and chat in general and not just those needing help.
Regular parent meetings to discuss concerns, ideas, etc	We aim to hold a parent café every half term, we will try to hold some at the end of the day instead of the morning.
PTA/more fundraising	After talking to parents, it was felt that rather than people committing to a PTA, we could plan events and then ask for a list of volunteers who would be able to help. More information will come out to you shortly via Class Dojo about the first event.
Cycling proficiency	This is now called Bikeability and is for Y5 and Y6 children. Sadly, they are completely booked up for this academic year but we have managed to secure a booking for next year. The date is March 2025 and we will send more information nearer the time.
Birch class support around changes in teacher	Mrs Pugh will be working in Birch on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays after February half term. This will be until the summer or earlier if we are able to appoint a permanent replacement for Mr Cullen before then. She will be spending some time in school on the last week of this half term to get to know the children. The children will still have Mrs Riseborough, Mrs Rockley and Miss Way in the class. Adults will check in with the children regularly and can address any concerns the children may have.
More swimming lessons	These have been booked for the summer term. Y3/4 will have swimming lessons during the first summer half term every Friday afternoon. Y5/6 will swim in the second summer half term every Wednesday afternoon.
More sports competitions	Mr Jones is Blenheim's PE subject leader and is meeting with Jenny Day from the North Norfolk Schools Partnership. There are a range of festivals and competitions planned each year and we are keen to get involved in as many as possible of the ones that are remaining. We will share more information once this is available.
Parents' picnic in the summer	What a great idea! We will hold a parents' picnic before sports day on Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June – weather permitting. The picnic will begin at 12.15pm. We will send more information nearer the time.
Could all teachers post who is up in assembly	We will put this in place for the second Monday back after half term (4.3.24), teachers will notify parents on 1.3.24 which children will be up the following Monday.

## Poppies

Blenheim Park Academy, you should be proud of yourselves. We raised an amazing £164.18 for the Royal British Legion.

A total of £47.20 was raised for Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you everyone.

Our recent NSPCC Number Day raised £62.80 for this fantastic charity. From the sale of the children's decorated biscuits we raised £22.10 Thank you everyone.

## World Book Day

Please come dressed as your favourite book character. The children will be doing lots of fun activities throughout the day based around the love of reading.

## PE Days

Can you please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school for their set PE days.

After half term (weather permitting) PE lessons will be outside so please send your child/children with appropriate clothing - joggers and hoodies.

Oak	Wednesday & Friday
Birch	Wednesday & Friday
Willow	Wednesday & Thursday

## Swimming Y3 + Y4

Swimming for these two year groups will take place on Friday's in the first half of the summer term:

April: 19th, 26th

May: 3rd, 19th, 17th, 24th

## Swimming Y5 + Y6

Swimming for these two year groups will take place on Wednesday's in the second half of the summer term:

June: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

July: 3rd, 17th

Please make sure your child has their swimming kit for these dates.

## Red Nose Day

This will be a non-uniform day with a suggested donation of £1 for this charity.