



Blaby Stokes Church of England Primary School

Newsletter- May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I want to start by wishing you all a wonderful bank holiday weekend and half term break. The children have been working very hard this term and we have celebrated the achievements of some of our superstars today in our Golden envelope assembly.

This half term we have seen the children working really hard at home and at school as we looked to work on things we needed to after the National lock down. We are so proud of the **quality and standard of work** the children are producing. Here are some of the things we have been learning about!

- We considered and celebrated the life of Prince Philip and his role in supporting the Queen
- We had our photographs taken!
- Some children had a trial on the steel pans which we are hoping to have in school next year!
- We revised our school values- we have chosen to have **Hope, Kindness, Forgiveness, Trust and Courage** as these sum up the 'Blaby Stokes Way'
- We started work on a sensory Garden outside Year 6
- We had some new playground markings put in
- We started some clubs again where we could
- We sent home reports and we held parent's evenings
- We learned about 'legendary line-ups' and we practised how to move around the site calmly and safely at all times
- We had Governors visiting us to look at standards and safeguarding
- We did some fabulous art work across the school including drawing, painting, textiles work and pastel work.
- We planted seeds and even started growing some of the famous Blaby Special tomatoes!
- Each class planted a tree!
- We had a visit from the Trust to look at our learning environment and they were very impressed with the children's manners, engagement and work!
- We received a beautiful gift from the sewing club ladies who have been coming to our school for more than 30 years in the form of a stunning piano hanging which you can see on our Facebook Page- have a look for Blaby Stokes CE Primary on Facebook and give us a like if you haven't already!



One of the new playground markings!

Please can we ask parents to be very careful about the **parking on Auburn Road**- we have had reports of a near- miss incident with a child on the pavement and a reversing car in a small space which is too awful to contemplate. We have heard about cars being bumped by pedestrians and even of cars parking on our neighbour's drives. We know that congestion is an issue around all schools but this gate is proving to be very worrying now.

Please can we ask that you park further away and walk in if you are using the Auburn Road gate? We do not want parents issued with parking fines or worse, for a serious accident to occur, before steps are taken to make it safer. Thank you for your understanding.

We appreciate that the 3 gate staggered system is not always ideal, especially for families who have to walk a lot further to their gate than usual, but Government advice to us is that we keep our **risk assessment** for our site as it is until further easing of restrictions are announced. However, we are mindful that with the increasing concern about the new variant, we may not get back to 'normal' quite yet, so we appreciate your continued support.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on **Monday June 7th** at the usual times at the usual gates.

Have a wonderful break!

Best wishes
Mrs Rodger



Thank you for our beautiful piano piece Sue Skelton and Kathy Francis!

The Year 6 children who helped to make this beautiful keepsake!

