



# John Blow Primary School Newsletter

## A new school year—September 2023

What a wonderful start to the school year we have had! The children have settled into their new classes and routines really well; it has been great to be able to catch up with everyone and hear about what has been happening over the summer.

We have prioritised relationship building in classrooms over the first 2 weeks of this year to build solid foundations for the children to build on as they move through the year. I have sent out a copy of the home school partnership agreement which looks to utilise a partnership to support our learners (more information below).

Thank you for your ongoing support; I am excited about the year ahead and look forward to sharing many successes with you.

Many thanks

Mr Ben Carver

“A GOOD  
beginning  
makes  
a GOOD  
ending.”

Italian Proverb

### Communication

The start of the school year always sees a lot of information being shared with home—we looked to stagger the communication over the first week - we will continue to use School Money for ordering lunches and paying for trips along with wraparound care bookings. Scholar Pack emails will be used to share information and updates and the SMS feature on Scholar Pack will be used for short reminder messages or notifications. If you are not receiving notifications, please let the office know at your earliest convenience.

### Parents' Forum

In preparation for our first parents' forum on Friday 6th October, please ensure that class reps have been appointed and that you share ideas ready for them to bring to the meeting. I have emailed a list of questions we will be exploring to the previous class reps.

I look forward to utilising this partnership across the year.

### Home School Partnership Agreement



<https://forms.office.com/e/ZAakXZSe1H>

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Please scan the QR code to acknowledge that you have read and agreed to the Home School Partnership - it is imperative that we all work together to fulfil our motto to “Be the best you can be” for our children.

If you have any questions or concerns, there are a number of platforms to raise these :

- ⇒ I am on the gate every morning (and most afternoons).
- ⇒ Class teachers are available to speak with you at the end of the day (if you are happy to wait until the rest of the children have been dismissed)
- ⇒ If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher, you can either telephone (10636892485) or email the school office ([office@collingham.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@collingham.notts.sch.uk)) and the message will be passed on to the teacher.

If you are not sure of anything, please do not hesitate to contact us and ask!

### Meet the new members of the John Blow Team

There have been a number of changes to the staffing team since we broke up in July. Mrs Townsend and Mrs McCarthy have left their positions in schools; we wish them all the best for their future. Miss Sarah Poat has joined us in UKS2 and Mrs Felicity Tacey has joined us in Lower Key Stage 2.



Miss Poat



Mrs Tacey



**Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to celebrate and share what the children have been up to in school - JBPS\_Notts**

#### **Blue Peter Reading Badge**

As we continue our reading journey across the school, Mr Barnard would like to share this exciting opportunity with you to apply for a Blue Peter Reading Badge - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>  
Hopefully, we can celebrate some recipients of the badge in the near future—good luck!



#### **Inset Days**

Inset days for this academic year are:

**Friday 22nd December 2023**

**Friday 24th May 2024**

**Thursday 25th and Friday 26th July 2024**

These have been agreed with the governing body but may change based on the training needs of the school—you will receive a terms' notice of any changes.

#### **Choir club**

A number of parents have expressed an interest in an after-school club choir - if this is something that you child would be interested in, please email the school office and we will make arrangements if we have enough demand. The club will run from 3.30pm-4.15pm on a Wednesday night.

**Wednesday 20th September** - Y2 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

**Wednesday 27th September** - Y4-6 choir performing at Newark Market Square (letter to follow) - 12.30pm-2.15pm

**Friday 6th October** - Parents' Forum 9am

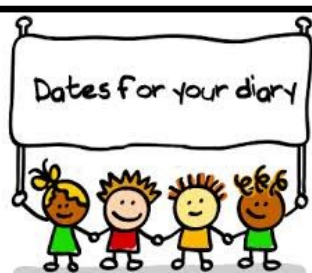
**Monday 9th October** - Pupil Update Evening - 4pm—6.30pm (booking link will be sent out in the next few weeks)

**Monday 16th October**—Friends of John Blow Primary School AGM - 6pm

**Tuesday 17th October**—Reading Café in school hall - 8.30am - 9am

**Tuesday 17th October**—Pupil Update Evening - 3.30 - 6pm

**Friday 20th October** - Merit Assembly - 9am (invites will be sent out 13th October)







## Exciting news from The Woodlands Holiday Club



After a successful summer programme, we are pleased to announce we will be holding holiday club during the first week of October Half Term between Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October running from 8.30am until 3.30pm. Due to increasing costs, our daily prices will be £25 per day; this will include breakfast, lunch, and snacks throughout the day.

Please email the school office with the dates you require and we will add you onto the booking system which will go live for you to book onto by Friday 22nd September.

