



Blackawton Primary School Weekly News



Contact us: parent@blackawtonprimary.org.uk
Please talk to us about any issues or make an appointment.

22nd November 2019

Weekly Attendance Per Class for 18th to 22nd November 2019

Class 1 98.19%, Class 2 93.70%, Class 3 100% Class 4 99.23%, Class 5 94.50%

Our Attendance Target is 96%

Team Challenge are the winners this week with 100%

Reading like a Champion



This week we have launch the Reading like a Champion project and we would like to thank you, as the Friends of Blackawton School, for supporting us. We have used some of the hard-raised funds to purchase new books for every class across the school. The children have been very excited and are already starting to read some of the newly purchased books as well as revisit some old favourites. We will be adding to the book lists across the year. I'm sure the children will also have their suggestions for fabulous books to develop a passion for reading.

From Vicky Llewellyn

It is well documented throughout the UK that reading frequency is declining, and there are concerns that children are not being read to enough by parents and teachers. The foundation of our teaching and learning at Blackawton are rooted in developing children who have a love of literature. We truly believe that everything changes when we read - but just what do we mean by this?

There is strong evidence linking reading for pleasure and educational outcomes. Within school, we strive for all children to be confident, fluent readers and acknowledge that academic attainment is of vital importance, but the benefits of reading for pleasure go beyond this and stretch throughout a child's life.

A number of studies exploring the outcomes of reading for pleasure on both children and adults have found a strong association with emotional, social and personal development. Studies have found that reading for pleasure enhances empathy, understanding of the self and the ability to understand one's own and others' identities. (Clark and Rumbold, 2006).

A study by The Department of Education 2012 highlights three factors that are crucial for the promotion of reading for pleasure amongst children and young people: ensuring that there is adequate access to books; parents taking a proactive role in encouraging reading for pleasure and teachers providing guidance and encouragement. It is from this study, and others like it, that we have developed 'Reading like a Champion'.

See separate attached letter for more information

Christmas Events

Wonderland Dance

Wednesday 11th December at 6pm

Blackawton Village Hall

Classes 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be performing a dance production

Please could the children wear the following for their costume, please see your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Class 2 - Plain Colourful clothing - no slogans or pictures

Class 3 - White clothes - no slogans

Class 4 - Plain blue leggings/jogging bottoms and plain blue t-shirts

Class 5 - Plain black leggings/jogging bottoms and plain black t-shirt

A Miracle in Town

The children in the Foundation Stage – Nursery and Class 1 will be performing the nativity in the church on Tuesday 17th December at 2pm

Candlelit Christmas

'Twas the Night Before Christmas'

Please come and join us to celebrate the Christmas season with an evening of carols old and new on Wednesday 18th December in the Church at 6pm.

Carols around the Tree

Please join us on Friday 20th December for some Christmas carols and songs around the Christmas Tree in the School Hall at 2.00pm.

School will then finish at 2.30pm



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

menu

Thursday December 12th

Roast Turkey
Little Sausages
Stuffing
Roast Potatoes
Carrots Brussels Sprouts
Gravy
Veggie Quorn Fillets
Veggie Sausage

Ice cream with sprinkles and wafer

Christmas Pudding with Cream

Squash



What's On				
When	What	Who	Where	Cost
22nd November	Parent Forum	POSTPONED	TO JAN 2020	
26th November	FOBS Meeting	All Parents	George Inn, 7.30pm	
29th November	Bake Sale	Class 1 parents to bake	School Hall 3.15pm	
3rd & 4th December	Star Trail	Classes 3, 4, 5	Blackawton Church	
5th December	Elves & Shoemaker	Foundation children	Theatre Royal, Plymouth	£16.00
6th December	Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra	Classes 4 & 5	Exeter University Back at 4.30pm	£7.50
6th December	FOBS Silent Disco	Children with parents	Village Hall	£5 per ticket
11th December	Wonderland Performance	Parents & Friends	Blackawton Village Hall	Minimum £3
12th December	Christmas Lunch	All pupils	In school	£2.45
13th December	Christmas Crafts Day	All classes	In school	
17th December	Nativity	Foundation Children	Blackawton Church, 2pm	
18th December	Candlelit Christmas	Classes 2, 3, 4, 5	Blackawton Church, 6pm	
20th December	Last Day of Autumn Term	Carols around the tree	2.00pm in school hall	
6th January 2020	First Day of Spring Term			
17th - 21st February 2020	Half-Term			





Thank you for those who were able to join us for the Community Roast Lunch on Thursday. As a Bronze Food for Life school we are proud to invite families and friends into school to enjoy our school lunches.

We have just found out, the very exciting news, that our school has reached the final three of the inaugural Food for Life Peter Melchett Award.

A panel of Food for Life experts will be visiting the schools and they're looking for a school who's going above and beyond for the cause of championing real food. We have been told that "The main thing to remember is that we already think you're fabulous to have got this far! It's not Ofsted, our visit is to see all the great work you're doing, and celebrate your wonderful achievements."

The judging panel who are visiting will be:

- James Cashmore – Director, Food For Life
- Dr Helen Crawley - Helen is a dietitian and registered nutritionist with over 35 years' experience in public health nutrition. Helen has worked in government, academia, research and the NGO and charitable sector promoting good nutrition for vulnerable population groups.

We will keep everyone updated with our progress.

SCHOOL LUNCHES



We will be on Week 2 of the Autumn Menu next week

If you think that your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, please contact Devon County Council either by phone on 0345 155 1019 or by visiting their website portal at:

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE

Reminder that we are a Nut & Kiwi Free school as we have pupils with severe allergies to both.



Please be mindful of what food you send in to school in lunchboxes etc.

WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.



Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).



Adapted with permission from Baltimore City Public Schools.



World Children's Day Wednesday 20th November

The Global Citizens spent the evening thinking about their chosen campaigns to improve their futures and other children's lives. Over the next few weeks you will see a poster campaign around the school supporting our chosen Christmas Charity – Humanity Torbay.

Article 27 gives all children the right to have food, clothing, and a safe home. Children have the right to food, clothing and a safe place to live so they can develop in the best possible way. The government should help families and children who cannot afford this.

Other Global Citizens have been writing to local companies to make suggestions on how they reduce waste and use less plastic.

Article 24 - Health, water, food, environment. Children have the right to the best health care possible, clean water to drink, healthy food and a clean and safe environment to live in. All adults and children should have information about how to stay safe and healthy.

Whether it's watching videos, playing games on their devices or talking to Alexa today's under 5s are spending more time online.



What can I do to support my under 5?

There are lots of things you can do to support your under 5. This is not a complete list, but a range of strategies you can use to improve your child's online experience:

- 1. Explore together:** Explore your child's favourite apps and websites with them. This can be a fantastic way to find out what your child enjoys doing online, as well as having fun and learning together.
- 2. Talk to your child about their online experiences:** Start and continue regular conversations with your under 5 about what they enjoy doing online, introducing online safety messages. These conversations can be a great way to reinforce the message that if your child sees anything online which makes them feel worried, they can tell you or another adult they trust.
- 3. Supervise your under 5 while they're online:** Keep the devices your child uses in communal areas of the house such as in the living room or kitchen where an adult can supervise. Children under 5 **should not** access the internet unsupervised in private spaces, such as alone in their bedroom or bathroom.
- 4. Parental controls:** Make use of the parental controls available on your home broadband and any internet enabled device in your home. You can find out more about how to use parental controls by visiting your broadband provider's website, or by viewing advice/step-by-step guides available on the [internet matters site](#). If you need any help setting up parental controls, you can also call up the NSPCC/O2 Helpline or visit an O2 store.
- 5. SafeSearch:** The use of 'SafeSearch' is recommended for use with young children. Most web search engines will have a 'SafeSearch' function, which allows you to limit the material your child can see when they're online. Look out for the 'Settings' button on your web browser homepage, which is often shaped like a small cog. It is important to understand that no 'SafeSearch' function is 100% effective, and this cannot be used alone to protect your child from being exposed to age inappropriate material.
- 6. Set boundaries:** As a family you can agree a set of rules, such as locations in the house where devices can be used, times of day your child can use devices, or which age appropriate apps or websites they can access. On devices you do not wish your under 5 to access, use passwords and keep these out of reach of your child.

7. Lead by example: Modelling the digital habits you expect from your child (for example, no tablets during meal-times) can be an effective way of supporting young children to develop their own positive digital behaviours from an early age.

For more information visit:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/keeping-your-under-five-safe-online/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=f3e45b5b92-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_TUK_NOVEMBER_GLOBAL&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-f3e45b5b92-55259237

The Signpost

World Children's Day



This year, World Children's Day, celebrated on 20th November, marked 30 years since the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Since then, so much has improved for children around the world:

- More than 50% reduction in deaths of children under 5 since 1989
- Almost halved the proportion of undernourished children since 1990
- 2.6 billion more people have cleaner drinking water today than in 1990

However, as our world changes, our children face new challenges and risks. As adults, we are duty-bearers to ensure the children in our care receive their rights.

Article 19: Every child has the right to protection from harm.

Article 6: Every child has the right to grow and develop in the best possible way.

Below are some suggested resources to help protect our children and support them to thrive:

Internet Safety: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

The internet can be an amazing resource for learning, research and communicating, but it also puts children into contact with the wider world, risking them viewing inappropriate material, being groomed and even abused. The website above has many resources and guides for parents on how to keep your children safe online.

Physical Safety: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

It can be a difficult conversation to have, but if your child is not aware of what sexual abuse is, they may not realise if they ever experience it. This NSPCC resource helps children to understand what is OK and what isn't and how their own boundaries should be respected.

Mental Health: <https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/support-for-parents/>

This website contains lots of links for parents. Select the 'Support for Parents' tab and then 'Children's Mental Health'.

Finally, if you are looking for support locally for your child, check out <https://www.pinpointdevon.co.uk/> Here you will find local groups, professionals and services who you can contact for support. It may be that your child has a diagnosed condition and you would like to meet up with families with similar experiences, or perhaps you are searching for health or therapeutic services for your family. You can even look for financial and practical sources of support. If you need any help with locating the right service for you or your child, please come and speak to me and I will signpost you.

Sarah Simnett

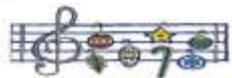
GET YOUR TICKET

BLACKAWTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
FESTIVE WARM UP



SILENTDISCO

Plus DJ Takeaway Dave
plus guests



FRIDAY 06TH December

AT BLACKAWTON VILLAGE HALL

6.00 PM TILL LATE

£5.00 per ticket - Adult or Child
Food and Drinks available to purchase
Conditional: All children to be accompanied by a paying adult.




**ADD IT TO YOUR CALENDAR
& GET YOUR TICKET TODAY**

“From Darkness to Light”



A **candle-lit** Benefice
service of seasonal
readings and music
for Advent Sunday

with Benefice Choir directed by Bob Barsby

St. Michael's, Blackawton
Sunday 1st December 2019
at 6:30 pm


Musical director: Tim Pithers

Winter concerts

Mendelssohn Symphony n^o. 3
(The Scottish)

Prokofiev Troika, from
Lieutenant Kije Suite

Haydn Trumpet Concerto
in E flat major,
soloist Tony Hindley

Blake 'Walking in the Air'
from *The Snowman*

Tickets: £12 (children free)
9 December 2019
The Flavel, Dartmouth 7.30pm
26 January 2020
Ashburton Arts Centre 3pm

www.dartmouth-orchestra.co.uk



TRAIDCRAFT

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in the Narthex at the back of
St Michael's Church,
Blackawton

Saturday 23rd November
2pm - 4pm

Fairly-traded coffee, tea, sugar,
dried fruit, nuts, chocolate
and other foods;
cards, wrapping paper
and Christmas decorations;
crafts and gifts from around the
world.

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Festive cheer to you all and we look forward to hearing from you, warmest wishes, Jane and Clare