



Blackawton Primary School Weekly News



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

17th October 2019

Weekly Attendance Per Class for 14th to 17th October 2019

Class 1 100%, Class 2 90.74%, Class 3 95.54% Class 4 98.08%, Class 5 90.73%

Our Attendance Target is 96%

Team Nurture are the winners again this week with 100%

REMINDER - TOMORROW, 18TH OCTOBER, IS A NON PUPIL DAY

Thank you to everyone who donated SO generously to our Harvest Festival appeal in aid of Birka Bekumsa, our link school in Ethiopia. To date we have raised £130.

I can't believe it's half-term already and we have done so many exciting things, both inside and outside of school. On behalf of all the staff and volunteers, have a safe and happy half-term.

Forest School

We are in need of wood for our fire pit so that we can keep warm during our winter sessions.

If you are able to donate dry wood/logs, suitable for the fire pit, please drop them inside the forest school field gate.



Theatre Alibi - 'I Believe in Unicorns'

Theatre Alibi will perform their show 'I Believe in Unicorns' to the whole school on Tuesday 29th October. We are asking parents for a contribution of £4.50 to help cover the cost of the show.



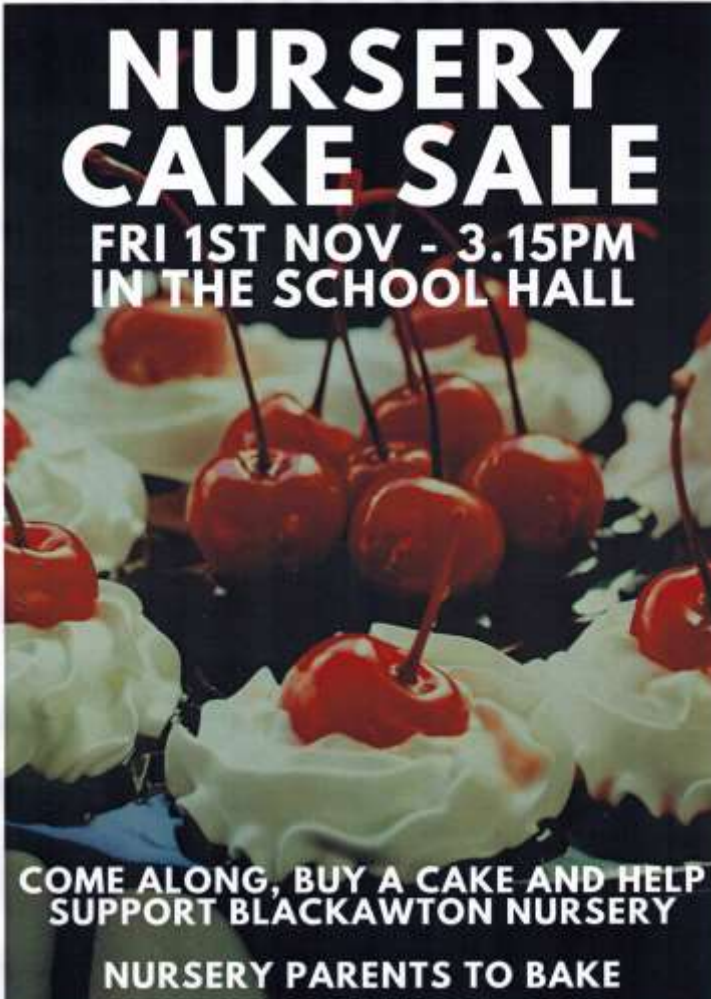
'Tomas hates school, hates books and hates stories. Stories are just for "Little Snotties"! He is happier clambering in the mountains like a goat or tobogganing with his Dad.

That is until the Unicorn Lady comes to town and reels him in with her irresistible magic tales. But then disaster strikes and puts everything that matters most in Tomas's life in terrible danger...'

What's On

When	What	Who	Where	Cost
18th October	Non Pupil Day			
21st to 25th October	Half-term	All Pupils		
29th October	Theatre Alibi 'I believe in Unicorns'	All Classes	School Hall	£4.50
29th October	FOBS Meeting			
5th & 6th November	Parent/teacher Evening	All Classes	In School	
14th November	Community Roast Lunch	Parents & local community	School Hall	
20th November	Cinema Trip	Classes 2, 3, 4, 5	Barn Theatre, Dartington	£4.50
5th December	Elves & Shoemaker	Foundation children	Theatre Royal, Plymouth	£15.50
6th December	Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra	Classes 4 & 5	Exeter University	£7.50

**NURSERY
CAKE SALE**
FRI 1ST NOV - 3.15PM
IN THE SCHOOL HALL



**COME ALONG, BUY A CAKE AND HELP
SUPPORT BLACKAWTON NURSERY**

NURSERY PARENTS TO BAKE



Please. Please can you ensure that your child has a full forest school kit in school from Monday to Friday? We want to be out and about in the school day as much as possible whilst the weather allows, including using the field at lunch and playtimes. The children need to have wellies to change into as the grass is damp and muddy and we can't have this transferred into the school building. Our cleaners are wonderful but it would be unfair and disrespectful to ask them to clean up after 135 mud - clad children.



Attendance Matters

Research on attendance and attainment

There is a clear link between attendance and attainment. Research by the DfE, for example, shows that, in 2013/14, while 51.5% of pupils with no absences reached level 5 or above at key stage 2 (at the time of the study, a measure suggesting that pupils were achieving above expectations in English and mathematics), this declined to 25.7% among pupils who missed more than 10% to 15% of lessons.

When you think, missing 10% of lessons is about 2 days a month that's pretty scary.

This is from the Ofsted Education inspection framework Overview of research January 2019.

SCHOOL LUNCHES



We will be on Week 1 of the Autumn Menu after half-term

Music Club will take place on Tuesdays after school from after half-term

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.

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell but there are government guidelines for schools and nurseries that say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that they won't be in and give them the reason. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Chickenpox

If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore. Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

Ear infection

If your child has an ear infection and a fever or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their fever goes away.

Fever

If your child has a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes away.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Impetigo

If your child has impetigo, they'll need antibiotic treatment from the GP. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share towels, cups and so on with other children at school.

Ringworm

If your child has ringworm, see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see the GP.

It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has scarlet fever, they'll need treatment with antibiotics from the GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. If you suspect your child has slapped cheek syndrome, take them to the GP and let their school know if they're diagnosed with it.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a fever, they should stay at home until it goes away.

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms.

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school for 2 days after their symptoms have gone.



Reading at Blackawton

Thank you to Andrea who is now opening up the library Monday to Thursday at 8.30 am so that you can come into school and read with your child or change a reading book. There are iPads available so that children can “quiz.” After school Reading Club is on Wednesdays.



IMS
 Welcome To Instrumental Music Services
 Providing Quality Instrumental Tuition Since 1991

**Music Tuition in School
 with IMS Music!**

IMS Music are pleased to be providing drum tuition for children in a number of schools across the South Hams and Torbay areas. Our tutor Lawrence Giles is able to provide weekly 1:1 tuition in school and spaces are available for any budding young musicians this term!

If you would like your child to try an initial free short taster please contact us.

Please email john.ims@talktalk.net for further information and prices, or sign up via our website

tel: 07876 456752 www.imsmusic.co.uk

Group Cello Lessons

Jessica Heywood is thinking of offering group cello lessons.

We have 5 cellos in school that could be used for this.

If your child is interested please let us know.

She would need 4/5 to make it viable and keep the cost to parents down



The Signpost

Devon appeals for adopters to come forward as number of children waiting increases



Adoption agencies in Devon are working together this National Adoption Week (14-20 October) [to appeal for potential adopters to come forward](#). This comes as numbers of adopters drop to an all-time low in the county and the number of children waiting continues to grow.

Regional Adoption Agency, [Adopt South West](#), and independent adoption charity [Families for Children](#) are specifically looking for adopters who will consider adopting a sibling group. If adoptive families cannot be found soon then it is likely that these brothers and sisters will be separated.

Local figures published to mark National Adoption Week, suggest that 40% of the children in Devon waiting for adoptive families are brothers and sisters in groups of two. Figures from the national adoption information service show that sibling groups wait four times longer than single children to be placed with an adoptive family.

Kath Drescher, Adopt South West Service Manager, says:

"The majority of people adopting for the first time choose to take a single child into their family rather than considering siblings. Also, it is often in the best interests of the children that a sibling group finds a family together rather than experience further trauma by being separated. This presents an extra challenge for social workers and these factors account for the high proportion of siblings in our region waiting for an adoptive family.

"We're asking anyone who may be considering adoption to think about whether they could parent siblings. There's no denying that having more than one child comes with real challenges, but it also has advantages and brings great rewards and we'll be there to support you all the way."

Adopt South West want potential adopters to know that:

- the adoption process can prepare you for becoming an adopter within as little as six months;
- there are children who need new permanent families now;
- anyone over 21 can adopt and there is no upper age limit;
- LGBTQ+ and intersex people can adopt;
- single people can adopt;
- adopters can be of any religion or none;
- disabled people can adopt;
- adopters will be fully trained before the child is placed;
- adopters are supported throughout the process and beyond.

During National Adoption Week, there are a number of information events being held across the county to inform and discuss the process of becoming an adopter and the vulnerable children who are currently waiting.

If you're interested in finding out more, please get in touch with us at [Adopt South West](#).

Sarah Simnett



THE INTERNATIONAL CLASSICAL SERIES FLAVEL

Jack Liebeck (VIOLIN)
Yulia Chaplina (PIANO)



SCHUBERT: Sonata in A major D 385
 BRAHMS: Sonata in A major Op. 100
 PROKOFIEV: Excerpts from Romeo and Juliet Suite Op 75 (piano solo)
 FRANCK: Sonata in A major

FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2019 at 7.30pm
 Adults £22, Under 18s £5 Classical Series Season Ticket also available
 WWW.THEFLAVEL.ORG.UK 01803 839530
 THE FLAVEL, FLAVEL PLACE, DARTMOUTH TQ9 9ND



AUTUMN

A CONCERT OF SEASONAL MUSIC

LINDA HARVEY – SOPRANO
 RICK GODLEE - 'CELLO
 SPECIAL CHOIR (DIR. BOB BARSBY)

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER
 7.30PM
 BLACKAWTON CHURCH

TICKETS £10 (£8 IN ADVANCE FROM COMMUNITY SHOP OR THE GEORGE) OR £5 UNDER 16

PROCEEDS IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS



JOIN US FOR A...

Pink Afternoon Tea

3PM - 6PM
 FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2019
 THE GEORGE INN,
 BLACKAWTON

breast cancer now WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US TO CELEBRATE 'WEAR IT PINK DAY' AND HELP RAISE VALUABLE FUNDS FOR BREAST CANCER NOW.

THE GEORGE INN ENJOY A PINK DRINK, ENTER THE PINK 'BAKE OFF' RAFFLE OR SIMPLY ENJOY A SLICE OF CAKE. WEARING PINK ISN'T COMPULSORY! WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.