



Blackawton Primary School

Weekly News Update



Contact us: parent@blackawtonprimaryorg.uk

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Dear Parents and Carers

BOOK TIME; half term (25th – 29th May) will be here at the end of next week. We encourage you to focus on reading during this period rather than working your way through the home learning. We'd love to see photos of children reading in unusual places; up a tree, in a stream, upside down! Anything!

We have really enjoyed seeing so much excellent activity on Tapestry; stories, poems, minibests and art to name but a few! Thank you and well done for posting these, it's a great way for us to stay in touch! Please keep going!

During half term Teachers will be preparing for the school re-opening and will not be available for email consultations during half term. There is no expectation for staff to check Tapestry (however please keep posting, as we'll pick this up again and respond after half term).

There will be no phone calls home during half term – if you need us and have any queries, you can contact through parent and admin emails – these will be checked daily.

Blackawton Primary re-opening from June 1st

All ESW schools will be reopening in line with government instructions. This is planned for Monday June 1st. Children in pre-school, reception, year 1 and year 6 are invited to attend. Children will attend in groups rather than as whole classes.

We cannot accommodate children from other year groups at present. Staff will be working to prepare the school site and accommodation for the children.

A detailed guide explaining how this will work will be out as soon as possible, so you and your child will have time to prepare. We're looking forward to seeing you soon!

More information from the government:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

Rachel Burris

Community Spirit Awards

Arthur Eden - Well done Arthur, you have been helping at home and also in the garden, looking after your chickens and taking eggs to your granny.

Chloe Ginn – Chloe has been thinking about family who live far away and she has been writing letters and sending pictures. Chloe has also been helping at home as her mum is in a front line key worker role – well done Chloe

Evie Ginn – Evie has also been thinking about other people and looking after her mum who has been working hard in the NHS. Thank you Evie for your community spirit.

Taylor Wallace – Taylor has been growing plants and delivering them to his grandparents to help cheer them up. Taylor has been helping to cook for his family too.

The Community Spirit Award is open to all children – a selection of activities children have been doing to gain the award –lots of children have been helping at home, in the garden and in the house, on their land, helping neighbours, helping elderly relatives, volunteering in the community with their family, beach cleans, litter picking, raising money for the NHS...and lots, lots more.

We have three awards Bronze for 3 activities, Silver for 6 activities and Gold for 10 activities. Please keep them coming through.



Library Open



The school library is now open:

- **Tuesdays between 3.30pm and 5.30pm**
- **Fridays between 1.00pm and 3.00pm.**



We also have a selection of exercise books available if you need more. Please let us know if you need any worksheets printed. Thank you to Becky for opening this up for us.

SIGNPOST

I hope that you are all keeping well and continuing to manage home learning alongside everything else in these difficult times! If you are experiencing any issue, please don't worry; we understand that this period of time may be presenting particular difficulties for children with SEND. For support, please email your school office who will pass on messages to me and I will give you a call.

The following websites may contain useful information for you.

Resources to support Sensory and Physical needs.

<https://www.royaldeaf.org.uk/services/i-am-deaf/young-people/> for Students with a hearing impairment
<https://www.rnib.org.uk/coronavirus> and <https://www.sightadvicefaq.org.uk/independent-living/Covid-19-CYPF-SAFAQ> for students with visual impairment

https://www.diabetes.org.uk/about_us/news/coronavirus for students with diabetes <https://www.callscotland.org.uk/downloads/posters-and-leaflets/using-the-ipad-to-support-learners-with-physical-difficulties/>

How to make the best use of your iPad and apps <https://www.callscotland.org.uk/downloads/posters-and-leaflets/using-the-ipad-to-support-learners-with-visual-difficulties/>

How to use built in features to support learning <https://www.callscotland.org.uk/common-assets/cm-files/files/info-cards/using-siri-speech-recognition.pdf> how to use built in features to support learning

Resources to support Social, Emotional and Mental Health

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

Young Minds UK: Offers advice, information and blogs on promoting good mental health during times of isolation and lockdown.

<https://bit.ly/2wxCAMO>

SecEd author Dr Pooky Knightsmith offers support for mental health and wellbeing via her YouTube channel, including a recent post on ways to guard good mental health in light of the coronavirus outbreak <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ME5IZn4-BAk&feature=youtu.be>

Video from the Anna Freud Centre in how pupils can find support during this time of school closures and disruption.

www.complexneeds.org.uk - emotional wellbeing and mental health

Resources to support Communication and interaction <https://www.trafforddirectory.co.uk/kb5/trafford/fsd/site.page?id=5uJQQoGo3bo> - resources contained within a PDF to support students with communication and interaction issues <https://www.autism.org.uk/services/helplines/coronavirus/resources/helpful-resources.aspx>

A range of different resources and links to support pupils and parents at this challenging time of change, including resource packs, ideas for activities and how to support mental wellbeing. <https://www.autism-unravelling.com/blog/2020/4/9/10-ideas-to-help-support-your-autistic-child-during-coronavirus-lockdown>

Support for Autistic students during school closure <https://autisticandunapologetic.com/2020/03/20/autism-covid-19-how-to-support-autistic-people-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/> <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/apr/14/uk-coronavirus-rules-autism-learning-disabilities-lockdown> An article in the Guardian discusses how people with Autism are allowed to leave the home more than once a day for exercise to support them with their condition

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Coronavirus%20%28COVID-19%29%20advice%20and%20support%20for%20parents%20and%20carers&utm_campaign=CASPAR-2020-04-06

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

Information that may help you and your family whilst you are isolating at home

Online safety from the website thinkuknow

This page has been created to support parents during COVID-19 and the closure of schools. Each fortnight, we will be releasing new home activity packs with simple 15 minute activities you can do with your child to support their online safety at a time when they will be spending more time online at home.

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/support-tools/home-activity-worksheets?](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/support-tools/home-activity-worksheets?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=03cb8440df-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_24_03_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-03cb8440df-64729385)

[utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=03cb8440df-](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/support-tools/home-activity-worksheets?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=03cb8440df-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_24_03_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-03cb8440df-64729385)

[TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_24_03_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-03cb8440df-64729385](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/support-tools/home-activity-worksheets?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=03cb8440df-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_24_03_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-03cb8440df-64729385)

CHILDCARE

If you need alternative childcare then please go to Pinpoint <https://www.pinpointdevon.co.uk/parents-and-families/>

BBC Newsround

Help with explaining coronavirus to children

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51861089?](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51861089?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn)

[utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51861089?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn)

BBC Home learning



The BBC has launched a series of daily educational programmes designed to allow children to study key national curriculum topics while Britain's schools are closed.

The daily Bitesize TV episodes, hosted by presenters including the Strictly Come Dancing star Oti Mabuse, with other famous faces expected to join later, will run for 14 weeks from 20 April.



Six different daily shows, each for different age groups between five and 14, will be produced every weekday for the BBC's iPlayer and red button services.

What have you been up to this week?

Lily made a brilliant wand and potion



Amira enjoyed making dough faces



Lali rescued a grass snake!



Amelia & Logan had fun building houses for the 3 Little Pigs



George made a great animated rainbow out of plasticine