



Blackawton Primary School Weekly News Update



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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly I would like to thank all the children for their incredible resilience they have shown and dedication to their learning through engaging in such a creative way at home. As a staff we have been overawed by the range of activities and the quality of the work that has been submitted.

As you know we have been planning in school for the return of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, which I am sure you can imagine has been quite a logistical challenge. We are confident that we have the best possible plan using the guidance from the government, and this has been sent out for all parents.

Alongside the return to school for some children, we have also been planning for home learning to continue for all other children. We will continue to use Tapestry. We are also starting to trial using Microsoft Teams for some live lessons, we will keep you updated. No work will be set during the holidays.

The overall topic for the second half of the summer term is "Water." Nursery, Class 1 and Class 2 will start with the book "The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch" and Class 3, Class 4 and Class 5 will base their learning around "Kensuke's Kingdom" by Michael Morpurgo.

We wish everyone a Happy Half Term holiday.

Best wishes

Rachel Burris

Rosa's land art →

and Luka's maze (made with the electric trimmer)



Community Spirit Awards

Silver Awards

Phoebe Tozer – Congratulation Phoebe, you are a shining example as a Community Champion, you have completed more than 6 tasks by helping at home and in your community. You continue to grow in confidence as a Shepherdess, independently working the sheep, well done.

Lottie Tozer – Congratulation Lottie, you are a shining examples as a Community Champion, you have also completed more than 6 tasks helping at home and in the community. Well done for looking after you Great Grandfather's garden during the lockdown too, thank you.

Bronze Awards

Otto Howells – Well done Otto, you have been showing great Community Spirit through helping at home by looking after the ducks.

Felix Robert – Well done Felix, you are showing great Community Spirit through doing a beach clean, delivering eggs and helping your neighbours.

Sienna Studd – Well done Sienna you have helped your Dad build a wall and you have been helping in the garden to grow vegetables, thank you for showing super Community Spirit.

Chloe Servan-Smalley – We were really proud to see how you have been thinking of other people with your kindness, thank you for showing great Community Spirit.

Willoughby Tucker – Thank you for showing great Community Spirit, you have been helping your family at home including cleaning your camper in preparation for a trip once we are allowed to go on holiday!

Changing Books

We will be making a plan so that children who are not coming back to school will be able to change their reading books. We will let you know what this will be after half-term.

From Dartmouth Library

Firstly it's the start of National Smile Month and we are giving away a free picture book to children who brush their teeth regularly. It's aimed at early years and KS1.

Secondly we thought we'd run a competition over half term so we've put together a 'Design Your Own Book Cover' activity sheet.

Devon Libraries

Half Term Competition

Create your own book

Think of a title.
Will you be the Author?
Design a cover.
Tell your readers about it on the back.

The most fun, imaginative or realistic cover designers will win a prize when library buildings open.

BACK FRONT

Email your designs to Dartmouth.Library@librariesunlimited.org.uk by June 30th 2020.

Devon Libraries is part of **libraries unlimited**

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ALAN'S BIG, SCARY TEETH

by JARVIS

Smile

To promote 'National Smile month' - join us in a toothbrushing extravaganza! Young children who brush their teeth regularly can claim a free book! (Subject to availability)

Download your tooth brushing chart on our website - once completed, send a photo to your local library between 18th and 30th June. We will reply to tell you how to pick up your book.

www.librariesunlimited.org.uk

[No printer? - no problem, you can draw your own 4 week chart!]

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The theme this year is 'kindness'. The following information has been taken from <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week/kindness-matters-guide>

Please do follow the link for lots more useful tips and resources.

You may recognise the expression "it is better to give than receive", but did you know this is backed up by research?

People who are kind and compassionate see clear benefits to their wellbeing and happiness. They may even live longer. Kindness can also help reduce stress and improve our emotional wellbeing.

We all have so much going on in our lives - including competing strains and stresses - not to mention the current coronavirus pandemic. This can see kindness pushed to one side, in favour of what is urgent or trending now.

It can be easy to signal kindness by posting online and following a trend, but harder to commit to kindness in our daily words and actions. But if we take the time to be kind to other people, we can reap the emotional dividends. It can really make a difference and especially for people who are vulnerable or struggling.

Now is the time to re-imagine a kinder society that better protects our mental health.

Kindness could be built into business decisions, government policy and official systems in a way that supports everyone's mental health and also reduces discrimination and inequality. But that can start by individual commitments to showing kindness in our words and our actions.

We have written this guide to show the positive impact helping others can have on your own mental health, including some tips and suggestions to inspire you.

So, take a few minutes, have a read and think about doing something kind for a friend or a stranger today.

Mark Rowland

What do we mean by kindness?

Kindness is choosing to do something that helps others or yourself, motivated by genuine warm feelings.

Kindness, or doing good, often means putting other people's needs before our own. It could be by giving up our seat on a bus to someone who might need it more, or offering to make a cup of tea for someone at work.

Evidence shows that helping others can also benefit our own mental health and wellbeing. For example, it can reduce stress as well as improve mood, self-esteem and happiness.

There are so many ways to help others as part of our everyday lives. Good deeds needn't take much time or cost any money.

Helping others feels good

It creates a sense of belonging and reduces isolation

It helps keep things in perspective

It helps to make the world a happier place - one act of kindness can often lead to more!

The more you do for others, the more you do for yourself

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)

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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)

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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?

Oscar's brilliant Sunflower



Harry enjoyed writing his Rainbow poem

Bobby's loved making volcanoes



Alex had a great go at his self-portrait



Willoughby's magic hair potion worked wonders on Jonty's hair!!!