



Blackawton Primary School Weekly News



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

24th January 2020

Weekly Attendance Per Class for 20th to 24th January 2020

Class 1 96.35%, Class 2 96.15%, Class 3 94.29% Class 4 96.07%, Class 5 95.33%

Our Attendance Target is 96%

Team Nurture are the winners this week with 96.35%

Rotary Youth Speaks - Blackawton Primary School win and are off to the area final in Plymouth!

Well done to the Year 6 children who took part this week in the Rotary Youth Speaks Competition in Stoke Fleming.

Nuala, Summer and Nia spoke about being different and Isla, Aydil and George gave a speech all about Climate Change.

The team giving the speech on Climate Change were asked to represent our area at the next round of the competition.

Aydil, Isla and George were invited out for a two-course lunch at Dartmouth Castle and given the chance to practice their speech. They will be heading off to Devonport Boys School at the beginning of February for the area final. I'm sure the whole school community would like to wish you the very best of luck as you represent our school.



Dinner Money Owing

As of today we still have **over £900** owing for School Meals. If you have received a reminder or think you owe please pay on Parentpay or with cash or cheque at the School Office.

School Meals should be paid for in advance.

If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals you can check at:

<https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal> LIVE

NITS - Please check your child's hair as we have had reports of Nits in several classes.

HOME LEARNING UPDATE

At Blackawton Primary School we believe home learning is anything children do outside the normal school day that contributes to their learning, in response to guidance from the school. Home Learning encompasses a whole variety of activities instigated by teachers and parents/carers to support the children's learning.

RATIONALE FOR HOME LEARNING

Home learning can be an important part of a child's education, and can add much to their development. We see home learning as an important example of cooperation between teachers and parents/carers. One of the aims of our teaching is for children to develop as independent learners, and we believe that doing home learning is one of the main ways in which children can acquire the skill of independent learning. Home learning can play a positive role in raising a child's level of attainment. However, we also acknowledge the important role of play and free time in a child's growth and development. While home learning is important, it should not prevent children from taking part in the activities of various out-of-school clubs and of other organisations that play an important part in the lives of our pupils.

We are well aware that children spend more time at home than at school and we believe that they develop their interests and skills to the full only when parents/carers encourage them to make maximum use of the opportunities available outside school. We also acknowledge that too much home learning, which seems lacking in purpose and clarity can have a detrimental effect on children's confidence and the quality of family life.

A new policy on home learning will be sent out next week. It will give you more information on the home learning that will be set each week and gives an explanation about the new websites that we have purchased to support your child's learning.

Parent Forum

There will be Parents' Forum on Friday 28th February from 9.00 - 10.00am. Come and talk to teachers about Home Learning, including learning to read and how we use the Accelerated Reader programme, SPARX - a timetable website and SPAG - a support package for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar website.



After School Clubs - Spring Term 1

Normal After School Club will continue to run on **Mondays and Thursdays from 3.20 to 5.30pm**. If you are interested in other days please let us know and if there is enough interest we may be able to offer another day

Other Clubs

Monday Football with Matt Jefferies **Book direct with him at:**

<https://tekkersmj.class4kids.co.uk/info/8>

Tuesday Music Club with Tiggy Saint, **£20 for half-term**

Wednesday Reading Club with Andrea & Mrs Llewellyn, free.

Global Citizens Year 6 with Mrs Buckle, free.

(Warhammer club is NOT running for the rest of the year)

Thursday Basketball Club with Matt Jefferies **Book direct at:**

<https://tekkersmj.class4kids.co.uk/info/12>

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

SCHOOL LUNCHES



We will be on Week 1 of the Spring Menu next week



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.



What's On				
When	What	Who	Where	Cost
28th January	Trip	Foundation (Class 1 & Nursery)	Fire Station	£2.50
28th January	FOBS Meeting	All Parents	George Inn @7.30pm	
31st January	NSPCC Workshops	All School	In School	
5th February	Trip	Foundation (Class 1 & Nursery)	Life Boat Station	£2.50
11th February	Safer Internet Day	Whole School	In School	
12th February	Roman Party	Class 4 and Parents	In School @2.30pm	
14th February	Volunteer Thank you	Volunteers	School Hall @1.30pm	
17th - 21st February	Half-Term			
25th February	Bird Visit	Class 4	In School	£5.00
27th February	Fairtrade Event	Year 5	KEVICC	£2.50
28th February	Bake Sale	Class 3	School Hall @3.15pm	
2nd - 6th March	Bikeability	Years 5 & 6	At School & around the village	
5th March	World Book Day	Whole School	More details to follow	
9th - 13th March	Science Week	Whole School	In School	
12th March	Community Lunch	Parents & Community	School Hall @ 12.30pm	
25th March	Spring Concert	Pupils & Local Community	TBA	
27th March	Bake Sale	Class 4	School Hall @3.15pm	
27th March	Last Day of Spring Term			
28th March - 13th April	Easter Holidays			
14th April	First Day of Summer Term			



The Signpost

ACEs



This half term our support staff are receiving training on ACEs. ACE stands for Adverse Childhood Experience. Research carried out in England showed that almost 50% of study participants experienced 1 ACE and over 8% experienced 4 or more. ACEs include:

- domestic violence
- parental abandonment through separation or divorce
- a parent with a mental health condition
- being the victim of abuse (physical, sexual and/or emotional)
- being the victim of neglect (physical and emotional)
- a member of the household being in prison
- growing up in a household in which there are adults experiencing alcohol and drug use problems.

ACEs have been found to have lifelong impacts on health and behaviour and they are relevant to all sectors and involve all of us in society. We all have a part to play in preventing adversity and raising awareness of ACEs. Resilient communities have an important role in action on ACEs.

An ACE survey with adults in Wales found that compared to people with no ACEs, those with 4 or more ACEs are more likely to

- have been in prison
- develop heart disease
- frequently visit the GP
- develop type 2 diabetes
- have committed violence in the last 12 months
- have health-harming behaviours (high-risk drinking, smoking, drug use).

When children are exposed to adverse and stressful experiences, it can have a long-lasting impact on their ability to think, interact with others and on their learning.

ACEs should not be seen as someone's destiny. There is much that can be done to offer hope and build resilience in children, young people and adults who have experienced adversity in early life.

Staff have completed online training on the website www.acesonlinelearning.com This is free and can be completed by anyone. The website also gives suggestions for supporting children's mental health generally. Below are some ways we can do this as families and communities:

Family

School

Community

PROTECTIVE FACTORS

- ✓ Family harmony and stability
- ✓ Supportive parenting
- ✓ Strong family values
- ✓ Affection
- ✓ Clear, consistent discipline
- ✓ Support for education

PROTECTIVE FACTORS

- ✓ Positive school climate that enhances belonging and connectedness
- ✓ Clear policies on behaviour and bullying
- ✓ 'Open door' policy for children to raise problems
- ✓ A whole-school approach to promoting good mental health

PROTECTIVE FACTORS

- ✓ Wider supportive network
- ✓ Good housing
- ✓ High standard of living
- ✓ Opportunities for valued social roles
- ✓ Range of sport/leisure activities



27th - 31st January

We are inviting all school children to become a breakfast champion at Alf's this breakfast week with free porridge or waffles for all school children every morning before school, during breakfast week, to give them a winter warming, energy boosting start to their day before they head off to school.

Children can also take part in our Design your Best Breakfast Competition with a prize for the most innovative healthy breakfast and help themselves to the free fruit on offer.

We'll also have other (adult) breakfast specials throughout the week including a special porridge menu, homemade cereals, breakfast muffins and smoothies, to eat in or to take away.

Devon
Libraries

Saturday Story Club



Dartmouth Library
First Saturday of the Month
11-11.30am

Join our lovely volunteer storyteller Sharon and her puppets for a monthly story and craft session
donations welcome

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devonlibraries.org.uk

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Fear not! **BADS** proudly present a

VARIETY SHOW

In Blackawton Village Hall
On Saturday 1st February 2020
At 7:30pm

For All the Family

Tickets £5 adults / £3 <16

(from the Community Shop or on the Door)

There will be sketches & music &
anything else we can think of!