



Blackawton Primary School Weekly News



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

17th January 2020

Weekly Attendance Per Class for 13th to 17th January 2020

Class 1 97.25%, Class 2 95.19%, Class 3 97.86% Class 4 97.45%, Class 5 96.13%

Our Attendance Target is 96%

Team Challenge are the winners this week with 97.86%

A warm welcome back to the Spring Term

It has been a busy start to the term with children across the school looking at ways that they can take on more responsibility and have a positive impact to life at the school.

We held the Anti-Bullying Ambassador Elections on Thursday. Twenty children bravely put themselves forward, and at a "hustings" they stood up in front of the whole school to explain why they would be a great Anti-Bullying Ambassador for Blackawton Primary School. All the children have voted for their two preferred candidates.

We are delighted to announce that Lola, George H, Alex M, Ella, Nuala, Sasha and Phoebe have been chosen. Lali and Aydil have now been promoted to the role of Peer Mentor.

Blackawton School Council News

On Wednesday Nick Banwell, our Executive Headteacher, talked to the children in Class 5 about a project they run at Rydon Primary School that celebrates the achievements of the children who have all been making positive contributions and taking pride in their school and the wider community.

The Blackawton School Council will be initiating a similar project at Blackawton called the "Community Spirit" Award.

Following the school's success with the Bronze Food for Life Award and improving school meals, the School Council now want to look at what a healthy packed lunch looks like. They have found out that recent research shows that 98% of packed lunches taken to school, do not meet nutritional standards. Over the next week they will be conducting their own research to find out what a typical packed lunches look like in our school as we work towards the Silver Food for Life Standards.

Dinner Money Owing

As of today we still have over £800 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.

Global Citizens

This week the Global Citizens have come up with a plan to support the work of the World Wildlife Fund for Nature. They have surveyed the children across the school to find out which animal each class would like to sponsor. They are now planning on organising a fund raising event to pay for the sponsorship.

Global Citizens have also been researching ways in which to make Blackawton's Worm-Charming Festival, a Carbon Neutral event. They are going to let us know their findings in due course, but also intend to liaise with the 'Sustainable Blackawton' group in order to achieve this goal.



This week, many letters are making their way to a variety of supermarket chains to ask questions and provoke thought and discussion amongst their management about their use of plastic packaging, which the Global Citizens recognise is detrimental to our environment and yet not that easy to avoid as a buyer. We are very proud of their efforts, and await the responses.

Well done Team Wonder

Every day children from Team Wonder offer to help Anne and Lou after lunch by helping to clear up in the dinner hall showing great Community Spirit.

Youth Speaks

Just to inform you all that we are incredibly proud of our two teams of Youth Speaks pupils who are going to be representing Blackawton Primary School at the annual Rotary Club Competition in Stoke Fleming on Monday. They have worked tremendously hard in order to prepare lengthy, informative and engaging speeches since they returned from the Christmas holidays. We wish Isla, George, Summer, Nia, Nuala and Aydil the very best of luck! We will let you know how they get on next week.



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

Devon Libraries is part of Libraries Unlimited devonlibraries.org.uk

Libraries Unlimited is a registered charity. Every penny raised goes directly towards library services that help make a difference to people's lives and communities. To donate, please visit librariesunited.org.uk
Registered charity number: 117682

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 3 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
24th January	Bake Sale	Class 2	School Hall @3.15pm	
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	
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	Year ?	At School	
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 @	
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			

Thank you Chris Ellis for supplying wood for Forest School

The Signpost

Timid to Tiger – Thank you to all the parents who this week attended the first session of our ten-week course. It was really good to meet you all and we look forward to working with you over the next few weeks.



Workshops – There are a couple of parent workshops coming up which you may find useful – see below. If interested in the Transition workshop, please let me know as the facilitators have a questionnaire they would like submitted beforehand so that they can make sure the content of their workshop is appropriate.

TRANSITION WORKSHOP

The Paediatric Psychology Team are delighted to offer a free workshop for parents/carers and professionals on:

Supporting Children With Physical Health Conditions Transition From Primary To Secondary School

Date: Wednesday 18th March 2020

Time: 9:30am-13:30pm

Location: Kingskerswell Public Hall TQ12 5EH

(There is unlimited off-road parking nearby or a pay and display car park next door.
The number 12 bus stop is immediately outside the hall)

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

How will I benefit from attending?

By attending this workshop, you will have the opportunity to:

- hear from a clinical psychologist in the team about transition
- hear from DIAS (Devon Information, Advice & Support) regarding special educational needs and disabilities
- discuss transition with other parents and/or professionals
- consider practical strategies to support children through transition
- receive handouts on this topic

BOOK YOUR PLACE

If you wish to attend this workshop, please contact Dora Bernardes (Clinical Psychologist) or Joanna Woolner (Project Coordinator) on **01803 654573**.

You are welcome to invite any professionals you are working with who may benefit from attending the workshop, such as your school SENCO.

Please note that we will require a minimum number of people to book to run this workshop.



Speech, Language and Communication Needs Parent Workshops 2020

A free workshop for parents of children and young people with speech, language and communication needs.

We will be focusing on strategies to support your child with vocabulary learning. We will be looking at how to support word learning through book sharing, as well as exploring visual ways in which you can support your child to learn new words throughout their school career.

This workshop is suitable for parents of children at Primary and Secondary school.

Please choose from the following venues:

	Venue	Date	Time
Exeter	St Michael's Primary Academy	4 th March 2020	13:30 - 15:00
West Devon	Slowford Primary	4 th March 2020	13:30 - 15:00
South Devon	Haytor View Primary School, Newton Abbot	12 th March 2020	09:30 - 11:00
East Devon	Marpool Primary, Exmouth	3 rd March 2020	09:30 - 11:00
Mid Devon	St Andrews Primary, Cullompton	4 th March 2020	13:00 - 14:30
North Devon	Sticklepath Primary, Barnstaple	5 th March 2020	10:00 - 11:30

To book your free place, please email sue.vanstone@babcockinternational.com

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