



Blackawton Primary School Weekly News



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

8th November 2019

Weekly Attendance Per Class for 4th to 8th November 2019

Class 1 100%, Class 2 88.86%, Class 3 94.64% Class 4 94.23%, Class 5 91.94%

Our Attendance Target is 96%

Team Nurture are the winners again this week with 100%

School Review feedback from 01/11/2019

Dear All

Thank you for your warm welcome on Friday.

Blackawton set themselves a high benchmark with Rights Respecting Schools. It is a pleasure to see how successfully everyone at the school is living up to these demanding standards. The children are confident, polite and calm. They talk with enthusiasm about their learning and respond well to the environment and teaching which encourages imagination, curiosity and excitement (The Alice room is just one stunning example of this.) The displays are superb. Parents talk with enthusiasm and pride about the school. Staff are a strong team, with all adults – whatever their role- working together for the benefit of the children.

Main area for focus

Continue to refine the curriculum model with the development of supporting Schemes of Learning and resources in collaboration with other ESW schools.

Roger Pope (CEO Education South West)

Dear Blackawton Primary School

First, on behalf of Birka Bekumsa, a really big 'thank you' for your donation from your harvest festival. Also, the lovely book about your garden and the designs of the lay-out of the garden are great. I'm sure that the staff and students at Birka Bekumsa will find them really interesting and will learn a lot. Thank you for being such a brilliant partner for Birka Bekumsa. I hope they will send you some interesting information in return.

My colleagues reached Nekemte yesterday and soon will deliver the money and the garden book and plans to Birka Bekumsa. I know they will be delighted with everything. My colleagues will find out what is their greatest need. You will receive a receipt from Birka Bekumsa and they will tell you how they have used the money.

Again, very many thanks and very well done for being such a great partner. You may hear back from Birka Bekumsa before Christmas, or maybe at the beginning of January. I'd be grateful if you would let me know when you hear from them.

With best wishes to you all, and thanks,

Penny Pullen

What's On				
When	What	Who	Where	Cost
14th November	Community Roast Lunch	Parents & local community	School Hall	£3.50
15th November	Children in Need	Everyone dress in Spots or Stripes		£1 to CIN
20th November	Cinema Trip	Classes 2, 3, 4, 5	Barn Theatre, Dartington	£4.50
21st November	Flu Vaccinations	Children with consent	In school	
22nd November	Parent Forum	Parents	School Hall, 9.00am	
26th November	FOBS Meeting	All Parents	George Inn, 7.30pm	
3rd & 4th December	Star Trail	Classes 3, 4, 5	Blackawton Church	
5th December	Elves & Shoemaker	Foundation children	Theatre Royal, Plymouth	£15.50
6th December	Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra	Classes 4 & 5	Exeter University	£7.50
6th December	FOBS Silent Disco	Children with parents	Village Hall	£5 per ticket
11th December	Wonderland Performance	Parents & Friends	Blackawton Village Hall	Minimum £3
12th December	Christmas Lunch	All pupils	In school	£2.45
13th December	Christmas Crafts Day	All classes	In school	
17th December	Nativity	Foundation Children	Blackawton Church, 2pm	
18th December	Candlelit Christmas	Classes 2, 3, 4, 5	Blackawton Church, 6pm	
20th December	Last Day of Autumn Term			
6th January 2020	First Day of Spring Term			
17th - 21st February 2020	Half-Term			

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.



Classes 2 & 3 did instruction writing on 'sparklers'

SCHOOL LUNCHES



We will be on Week 3 of the Autumn Menu after half-term

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

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.

WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.



Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

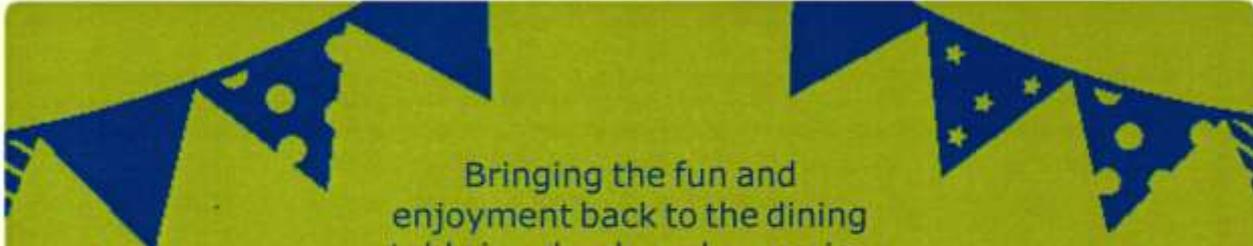
I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).



Adapted with permission from Baltimore City Public Schools.





Bringing the fun and
enjoyment back to the dining
table in schools and nurseries
Join us to celebrate



**THE GREAT
ROAST
DINNER**

Blackawton Primary School

**Thursday 14th
November
12.15pm**

£3.50 per Adult Meal

For further information or to book a
lunch please contact
Tel: 01803712363

E-mail: admin@blackawtonprimary.org.uk

Find out more and visit
www.foodforlife.org.uk/rdd



The Signpost

An Amazing Opportunity!

Although this opportunity is only available to those aged 16-19, we know that many of our families have older siblings who could apply and so we are circulating this information for those who may know of an eligible young person.

The Sir Francis Chichester Trust is once again offering **FREE places on the 19 day Outward Bound 'Skills for Life Award' course** to young people who live in Devon and who are aged 16-19 (at the time of the course, which will be July/August 2020).

The course is designed to help participants make an effective transition into sixth form, further education or work and is a chance to have a life-shaping adventure with people from all over the world, to know what they are truly capable of achieving and to stand out in a crowded market place. The courses are held at the Outward Bound centres in the Lake District, Wales and Scotland.

The aim of the Skills for Life Award course is that young people challenge themselves, demonstrate progress through 1:1 action planning focused on personal development, work outside of their normal friendship group and leave with a breadth of experience that will enrich personal statements and set them aside from other young people. The main benefits for the young people are seen in greatly improved self-confidence and team working abilities, together with raised aspirations.

The Trust looks for candidates that wouldn't normally have a chance to undertake anything of this nature and will be able to enjoy and benefit from the experience. Please note that we cannot support any young people that, at the time of their course, are subject to a youth offending order and also that if a young person has been supported by the Trust previously they are unlikely to be funded for a further course.

The Sir Francis Chichester Trust will meet the full course fee (£1749pp) for successful applicants and ask that they are responsible for their own transport to/from the Outward Bound centre of their choice. However, if transport costs are prohibitive then we will look at additional support if possible.

The closing date for applications is Monday 3 February 2020 with interviews for those shortlisted being held 5 and 6 March 2020 in Exeter and young people applying must be available on one or other of these dates. **An application form can be downloaded from the Trust website <http://chichestertrust.org/> and [further details](#) / video clip about the course is also available.** You can also download the [Trust's Newsletter](#) from the website and this has some feedback from young people who attended a course in 2019 and were supported by the Sir Francis Chichester Trust.

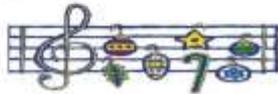
Sarah Simnett



GET YOUR TICKET

BLACKAWTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

FESTIVE WARM UP



SILENTDISCO

Plus DJ Takeaway Dave
plus guests

FRIDAY 06TH December

AT BLACKAWTON VILLAGE HALL

6.00 PM TILL LATE

£5.00 per ticket - Adult or Child

Food and Drinks available to purchase

Conditional: All children to be accompanied by a paying adult



**ADD IT TO YOUR CALENDAR
& GET YOUR TICKET TODAY**

Dartmouth
orchestra

Musical director Tim Pithers

Winter concerts

Mendelssohn Symphony n^o. 3
(The Scottish)

Prokofiev Troika, from
Lieutenant Kijé Suite

Haydn Trumpet Concerto
in E flat major,
soloist Tony Hindley

Blake 'Walking in the Air'
from *The Snowman*

Tickets £12 (children free)

9 December 2019

The Flavel, Dartmouth 7.30pm

26 January 2020

Ashburton Arts Centre 3pm

www.dartmouth-orchestra.co.uk