



Blackawton Primary School Weekly News



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

13th December 2019

Weekly Attendance Per Class for 9th to 13th December 2019

Class 1 98.91%, Class 2 91.48%, Class 3 89.29% Class 4 96.92%, Class 5 88.71%

Our Attendance Target is 96%

Team Nurture are the winners again this week with 98.91%

Wonderful Wonderland

Thank you to all the families who came and enjoyed the children performing 'Wonderland' on Wednesday evening. All the staff are immensely proud of the children and we are delighted that this unique performance has given the children the opportunity to be involved in a collaborative, creative project that has brought together so many elements of the Blackawton Curriculum. We have been invited by the Royal Opera House, Create and Dance project, to showcase the work within a national portfolio of case studies and to show how this project has had an impact across the curriculum not only in dance, but also in reading, creative writing, art, design and music.

I would also like to thank the staff who have worked so hard over this term as we embed the new curriculum. Our intent is that the children have a much wider curriculum offer and the Wonderland performance was one example of how working in a cross-curricular way can provide rich and rewarding experiences for the children. We are very lucky at Blackawton to have such a talented and dedicated team of staff who's skills we rely upon to think "outside of the box" to expand the children's knowledge and skills with a much broader offer.

We are also very lucky to have a core of parents in the FOBS team who have worked tirelessly over the past few weeks to organise events and raise funds to provide not only extras but also many of the essentials too. The Silent Disco was a great success. Thank you for providing tea and jam tarts and delicious cakes at the Wonderland performance too.

All parents at Blackawton are part of FOBS, and if you can give your time to help in any small way at future events, please see Liz Riley.



Chirstmas Events

A Miracle in Town

The children in the Foundation Stage – Nursery and Class 1 will be performing the nativity in the church on Tuesday 17th December at 2pm

Candlelit Christmas

'Twas the Night Before Christmas'

Please come and join us to celebrate the Christmas season with an evening of carols old and new on Wednesday 18th December in the Church at 6pm.

Please can all children meet in the hall by 5.45pm so that we can start the parade, with our lanterns, to the church for this year's Candelit Christmas Concert, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas.

For reasons of safety we ask that only battery operated candles are used in the lanterns. The concert will start in the church at 6pm.

We have been asked by local residents to be mindful when parking that no gateways or access is blocked. The village hall car park can be used for parking to help ease congestion in the village.

We would like to thank Kate and the church team for taking time to decorate the church and supporting the school.

Carols around the Tree

Please join us on Friday 20th December for some Christmas carols and songs around the Christmas Tree in the School Hall at 2.00pm.

School will then finish at 2.30pm



Update on the Peter Melchett Award - Food for Life

We would like to thank you for being such great hosts to our judges. They were very impressed with the standards of the school and the hospitality they received.

The judges have decided to announce the winner at our Food For Life National Conference on Thursday 13th February 2020 in central London.



We would like to take this opportunity to invite 2 members of staff to represent your school at the awards. The judges suggested for this to be the cook and one other person if possible.

The winning school will be awarded a £1000 voucher plus a very special Peter Melchett Memorial Wooden Bowl trophy, which will be engraved.

The 2 runners up will receive a £100 voucher and a FFL finalist certificate.

News from Sustainable Blackawton

In November the children at Blackawton Primary have been supporting community work by planting trees. During Forest School the children have helped to plant a small copse in the cemetery.

There will be future opportunities to plant more trees on community land within the village. Sustainable Blackawton in partnership with the school are planning a Community Tree Planting Saturday in the Spring - more details to follow in the New Year.

Please look out for a vote on three planting schemes that are planned for the village - you can have your say on your preference by voting in the Village Shop.

NO SPORTS CLUB NEXT HALF-TERM

Mr Sullivan is not running his Sports Club next half-term as he has other commitments.

Mr Jeffries, who does football club on a Monday, will run a Basketball Club on Thursdays for this half-term. To book a place please follow the instructions below.

Basketball Club
Blackawton Primary School

THURSDAYS
3:20 - 4:20
Jan-Feb 1/2 TERM

Book at:
<https://tekkmj.class4kids.co.uk/info/37>
Q? tekkmj@gmail.com 07837073277

Lift the Lid

After School Clubs

THERE WILL BE NO CLUBS ON THE LAST WEEK OF TERM (except for After School Club childcare on Monday and Thursday, and Football on Monday)

What's On				
When	What	Who	Where	Cost
17th December	Nativity	Foundation Children	Blackawton Church, 2pm	
18th December	Candlelit Christmas	Classes 2, 3, 4, 5	Blackawton Church, 6pm	
19th December	Pyjama Day	Classes 2 & 3		
20th December	Christmas Party Lunch (not normal menu)	All Pupils	School Hall	
20th December	Last Day of Autumn Term	Carols around the tree	2.00pm in school hall	
6th January 2020	First Day of Spring Term			
24th January	Bake Sale	Class 2	School Hall @3.15pm	
28th January	FOBS Meeting	All Parents	George Inn @7.30pm	
17th - 21st February	Half-Term			

SCHOOL LUNCHES



We will be on Week 2 of the Autumn Menu next week

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.



The Signpost

Timid to Tiger: Help to support your child



Timid to Tiger is a ten-week course which gives parents support and strategies to manage anxiety in their children. It is aimed at “producing confident parents who know how to encourage confidence in their child, and who know what to do when their child is anxious or afraid.”

The course ran this term at Blackawton Primary and was attended by a group of parents from three of our primary schools who found it hugely beneficial not only for their anxious child, but also for the wider family. Here’s what some of them had to say about it:

I signed up to Timid to Tiger with a very specific issue with my youngest son that I wanted help with. Not only did the course equip me with strategies to deal with his worries and anxieties, it helped enormously with all aspects of parenting, and interestingly it has ended up helping me more with my teenager, which is never easy!

Ironically, the issue with my youngest disappeared of its own accord in the early stages of the course, but the course has helped with parenting support at its most general, which is sometimes completely overwhelming.

Timid to Tiger gives you different strategies in ways to talk to your children.

- It is helpful talking confidentially with other parents, carers and group leaders.
- You do not have to have anything wrong with your child to do this course.
- It can help overcome situations.
- It will help all families!

I have been attending the course for the past 10 weeks and have really seen the benefits. It has helped with my child's anxiety and overall levels of happiness. It is delivered professionally with plenty of useful information, personal examples and a little humour! The information I have learnt I believe would help all parents, not just those with children who have anxiety issues. It is a super course and I will miss attending every Tuesday!

Whether you have an anxious child, or are looking for help with behaviour; whether you want to strengthen communication with your child or simply want reassurance and new strategies, I am certain every parent would take something valuable from this course.

We are hoping to run it next term at Stoke Fleming, but parents from all of our schools are welcome to attend. If you are interested in finding out more, please email your child’s school and ask for your message to be forwarded to me (Sarah Simnett).

I will then make contact to provide further information and answer any questions you may have.

Sarah Simnett

Christmas willow workshops

in Blackawton



£20 per person for each workshop

- 1) *Angel with lights* – Monday 9th December 2019
- 2) *Stars and Tree* – Friday 12th December 2019
- 3) *Tree with Lights* – Thursday 19th December 2019

All materials are included in the price! You will also get a warm welcome, good tea and coffee and a slice of cake!

Workshops start at 10am and take between 2 to 3 hours to complete. No experience needed.

To book a place or for more information please phone Sue Radford on 01803 712498 or email stonewillow@btinternet.com

Natural sustainable Christmas wreaths and uniquely beautiful pots of bulbs

It's time to order your bespoke Christmas wreaths from Blackawton Blooms. Choose from our sumptuous traditional green wreaths or our rustic hedgerow wreaths with dried flowers and/or dried fruit. Each one is unique and made to order.

We also have a brand new range of ceramic or zinc pots of bulbs - chose from hyacinths, iris, grape hyacinth or indoor narcissus.

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Festive cheer to you all and we look forward to hearing from you, warmest wishes, Jane and Clare

