



Blackawton Primary School Weekly News Update



Contact us: parent@blackawtonprimary.org.uk

7th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all the great feedback that you are providing about the home learning and the crazy assemblies that the staff are doing.

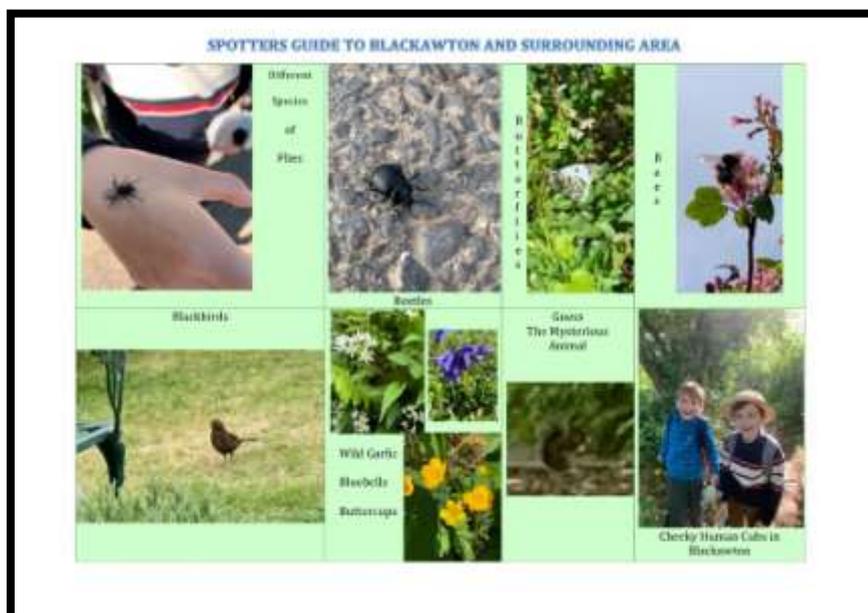
Many parents have let us know that the phone calls home have supported the engagement for their children. As such we will be ringing all families through the week to talk to through the learning. These calls will be mainly made in the morning and will come via the Blackawton Primary School number.

Additionally, if you have any suggestions or need any other support then please let us know.

We continue, like you, to wait for guidance on returning to school, and what this look like and when it will happen. There may be a clearer picture after the government's announcement on Sunday. We will inform you, as soon as we know, what this will look like at Blackawton.

VE Day – As Friday is a Bank Holiday, the staff will be having a break from working to spend some time with their families. My plan is to hang out some bunting and have socially-distancing VE Day street party with my children. I have promised them I will bake scones and we will enjoy a cream tea. If you are planning on a celebration this Friday, please share with us, we would love to see what you are up to.

Rachel Burris



Alex & Marcel's brilliant spotters guide to wildlife you can see in and around Blackawton

Community Spirit Awards

Well done Nuala Carr, you have been showing great Community Spirit by supporting family fitness session every week, and taking the lead in organising and putting them together. Nuala really wanted to help other families stay fit together.

Amelia Wallace, well done for all you have been doing supporting others on the community through car washing and lawn mowing. You have also been helping out at home and supporting your younger brother with his reading – fabulous Community Spirit.

Thank you to Rosa Willaims, who has been helping out at home baking for the family, helping around the house and cleaning the car. Great Community Spirit.

Freya Williams is also showing great Community Spirit by thinking of others and helping out at home. Before we finished school, Freya was helping look after the school environment by regularly sorting out the cloakroom and cleaning the hall after lunch time.

Thank you to Bobby Grant. You have been helping out at home, thinking about other people and looking after your younger siblings.

Lali, Airlie and Indie Birch have been helping to raise money to support the NHS, well done girls. Thank you for showing great Community Spirit.

A special mention from Mrs Llewelyn to Aimee Jerwood who read 30 books and completed a quiz day in April. You are a High Five Learner, Aimee.

Please let me know if you have been helping and thinking about others.

Library Open



The school library is now open:

- **Tuesdays between 3.30pm and 5.30pm**
- **Fridays between 1.00pm and 3.00pm.**



We also have a selection of exercise books available if you need more. Please let us know if you need any worksheets printed.

Thank you to Becky for opening this up for us.



Here to help

Action for Children

Have a question about parenting?

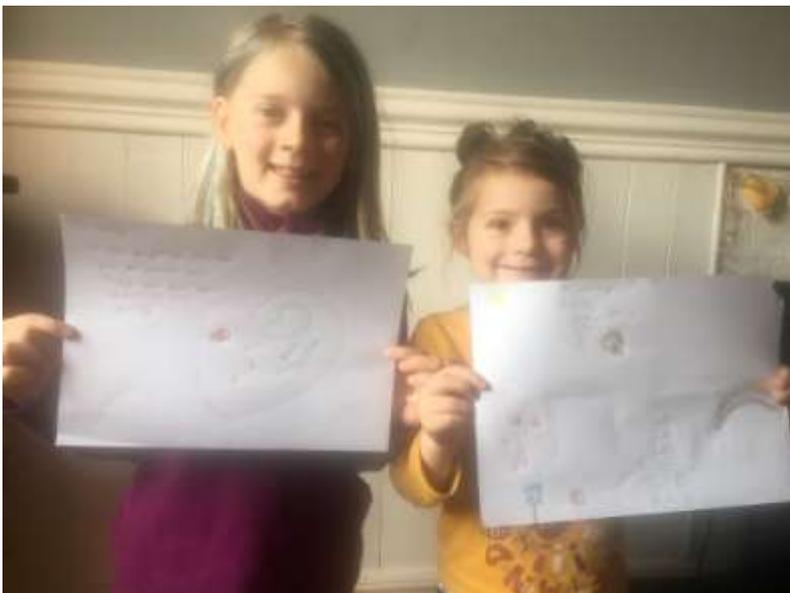
Action for Children is offering free online parenting support for families with children aged 0-19. You can ask us for help on all sorts of things – from how to keep your children entertained at home, to how to handle difficult behaviour, to how to manage stress and anxiety at this challenging time.

Head to parents.actionforchildren.org.uk to read our advice and useful resources, or talk directly to a parenting coach via our confidential 1-1 live chat.

Whatever you need, Action for Children are here to listen and support you.

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Sarah Simnett



Evie and Chloe's letter and drawings to their great Grandma who is in a nursing home

Taylor's sunflowers are growing really fast



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?

Daisy made some brilliant flowers out of clay



Josh enjoyed making his work hotel



Alex loved making his gingerbread men



Chloe's wonderful facts about the rain forest



Arun did a day in the life of a Viking and even made Viking bread!