



Blackawton Primary School Weekly News



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

6th December 2019

Weekly Attendance Per Class for 2nd to 6th December 2019

Class 1 99.52%, Class 2 91.11%, Class 3 97.86% Class 4 97.69%, Class 5 93.55%

Our Attendance Target is 96%

Team Nurture are the winners again this week with 99.52%

Poetry

Mrs Buckle attended a hugely inspirational 2-day poetry course from the 22nd November. Kate Clanchy is a published poet and author, who also works with children, who kindly travelled to Dartington to deliver the training to members of staff from all ESW schools. It was a privilege to be part of the event, and Mrs Buckle returned feeling poetic and full of creativeness on Monday 25th!

Since then, the pupils in Team Leadership have written at least three poems each. They were proud to share some of these at Celebration Assembly last Friday, but they wanted to keep on sharing their creativity. Below are two poems, inspired by the poem 'The Table' by Edip Cansever. Team Leadership's next aim is to publish a book!

Sleep

The girl came home.
She placed her coat
on the bed.
She placed her life, and tiredness
on the bed,
that soaked in her worries,
and replaced her with the freshness
of living.
She mixed all
of the comforting sounds into it
like the wind howling,
and cars passing by
on the bed.
She piled all of her
books and knowledge
on the bed, and
all of her hopes and
dreams for her life
on the bed.
She plunged herself into the softness
of the mattress,
that brought her happiness
and freshened her mind.

*Nella Knight-Malciak
(Team Leadership)*

The Mountain

There was a falcon, who lived up high on a mountain,
where peaks touched the clouds.
He came home from his day
about to be pummelled with chores
and worries, on the mountain.
He brought a feather from his backside
ready to shed, and he placed
that feather on the mountain.
He brought a luscious, surplus of fish to place there.
He brought the moisture and rain off the clouds,
and placed that on the mountain.
The falcon put the cold, chilly sea, full with a feast
on the mountain.
Sighs were then brought to the mountain.
His heart opened and watched as a
precious egg was laid on the shoulders of the mountain.
A burden of care and nature arrived on the mountain.
The falcon's love was then descended there.
Wonder filled the pink, featherless chick, up high
on the mountain.
The falcon ruffled its fury feathers and claws on the mountain,
until he felt free and sailed away across the deep blue sky,
Into the distance, away from the mountain.
All those heavy burdens kept piling on,
But the mountain never eroded.

Kit Westcott (Team Leadership)

Christmas Events

Wonderland Dance

Wednesday 11th December at 6pm

Blackawton Village Hall

Classes 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be performing a dance production

Please could the children wear the following for their costume, please see your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Class 2 - Plain Colourful clothing - no slogans or pictures

Class 3 - White clothes - no slogans

Class 4 - Plain blue leggings/jogging bottoms and plain blue t-shirts

Class 5 - Plain black leggings/jogging bottoms and plain black t-shirt

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.

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





After School Clubs

Please note the following changes to clubs over the next 2 weeks:

No Reading, Warhammer or Global Citizens Clubs on 11th December

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)

Doing your Christmas Shopping Online?

Remember that you can raise funds for the school by shopping through Easyfundraising and choosing Blackawton school as your charity.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/blackawtonschool/>

You can also raise funds through Amazon Smile

Search for 'Friends of Blackawton School'

What's On				
When	What	Who	Where	Cost
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	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 1 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.



Class 4 went down to the river at Millcombe this week to do some Geography field sketches and collect vocabulary for Haiku poems.



smooth flowing ripples
sparkling sun reflections
trickling water

bubbling river
majestic water flowing
cool air; stones skimming

sparkling mirror
trickling smooth waterfall
magical river

By Miller

The Signpost



TRAINING COURSE

Our new course, **CALMING TECHNIQUES and COPING SKILLS for ANXIOUS CHILDREN** will take place next at Cockington Court, Torquay on Wed 12th Feb 2020.

If you want to equip young people with more tools to manage their emotional wellbeing then this course is a must!

For professionals, parents and carers supporting children and young people with emotional wellbeing needs.

This practical introductory day will provide you with the tools, techniques and top tips to take away and start using straightaway

£110 includes lunch, a resource pack and a free sensory oil timer.

Book now: <http://openmindsuk.org.uk/index.php/whatson/>

NEW Book for families

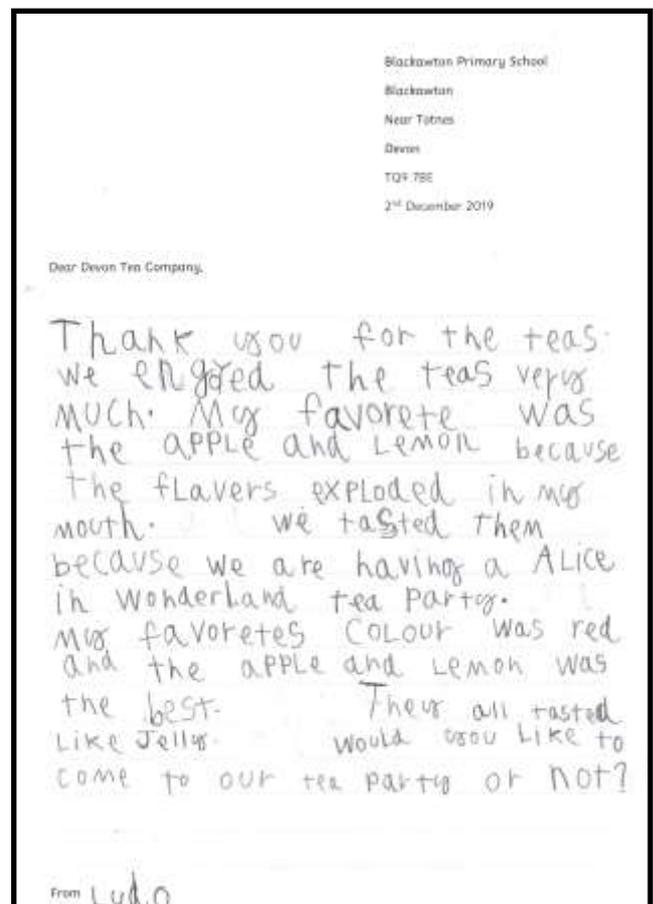
Does your child struggle with emotions?

Easy Tiger is the only book you need to understand what goes on inside us and how to find calm. The facts about brain science help children understand how to build a healthy mind and the activities can be photocopied for family use so that new mental habits can be built. Best of all, it's fun!

FAMILY SUPPORT

With practitioners covering most of Devon, we can work with families in their own homes or at our base in Bradninch to support wellbeing needs. Cost £45 per hour plus fuel according to location. No waiting list!

Sarah Simnett




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

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.

Order by calling 01803 712407, text or call 07951 296494 or email info@blackawtonblooms.co.uk

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

