



Blackawton Primary School Weekly News



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

7th February 2020

Weekly Attendance Per Class for 3rd to 7th February 2020

Class 1 98.69%, Class 2 95.38%, Class 3 90.71% Class 4 93.57%, Class 5 95.60%

Our Attendance Target is 96%

Team Nurture are the winners this week with 98.69%

Rotary Youth Speaks - Blackawton Primary School were 1 of 2 teams that made it through to the regional final in Saltash on Saturday 14th March - we wish them luck.

Spring Concert

On Wednesday 25th March, we would like to host a Spring Music Concert to be held in the Church. We will be inviting our school musicians to play and sing to entertain our audience. We would also like to encourage musicians from the community to showcase their talents and inspire our children. Do you play an instrument or sing? Are you part of an orchestra or local band? We would love you to join in.

If you would be interest in being part of this exciting event please contact Helen in the office on admin@blackawtonprimary.org.uk by Friday 28th February.

Please save the date in your diary and come along and support us, FOBS have kindly offered to do refreshments and children from the Global Citizen's Group will also be supporting to raise funds for each class to sponsor an animal through the World Wildlife Fund.

Community Spirit of Blackawton

We have been excited to receive some examples of Community Spirit from the children as they work towards the first Bronze Level. Children will be presented with their bronze badge in the weekly News Assembly on a Wednesday morning. If you haven't already done so, please encourage your children to think of ways they can help you at home, as well as letting us know what they do out and about in their community. We need evidence of three tasks to gain the first award.

A few examples of activities

- Took initiative and helped in school
- Take part in a club in school that helps others e.g. gardening club, global citizen
- Participated in a club or event outside of school
- Helped with an activity at home
- Volunteered for a role to help on a regular basis in school
- Organised a fund raising event
- Helped with an activity in their community e.g. beach clean, litter pick

Save the Date - Community Tree planting with Blackawton School Global Citizens

On Saturday 21st March, the Global Citizen group are organising a tree planting event in Blackawton. We have 420 saplings to plant and may have the offer of more trees so we are going to need as much local support as possible. More information will follow and your invitation to come along and help. This is event is being organised in partnership with Sustainable Blackawton.

RATIONALE FOR HOME LEARNING

Home learning can be an important part of a child's education, and can add much to their development. We see home learning as an important example of cooperation between teachers and parents/carers. One of the aims of our teaching is for children to develop as independent learners, and we believe that doing home learning is one of the main ways in which children can acquire the skill of independent learning. Home learning can play a positive role in raising a child's level of attainment. However, we also acknowledge the important role of play and free time in a child's growth and development. While home learning is important, it should not prevent children from taking part in the activities of various out-of-school clubs and of other organisations that play an important part in the lives of our pupils.

We are well aware that children spend more time at home than at school and we believe that they develop their interests and skills to the full only when parents/carers encourage them to make maximum use of the opportunities available outside school. We also acknowledge that too much home learning, which seems lacking in purpose and clarity can have a detrimental effect on children's confidence and the quality of family life.

A new policy on home learning is also attached with this Newsletter.

Parent Forum

There will be Parents' Forum on Friday 28th February from 9.00 - 10.00am. Come and talk to teachers about Home Learning, including learning to read and how we use the Accelerated Reader programme, SPARX - a timetable website and SPAG - a support package for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar website.

Class 1 and the Nursery have been out and about this week again. Thank you to Chris and Kate Wallace for organising the trip to the Dart Lifeboat Station. The children had a great morning with the Dart crew, who volunteer and give up their time to keep us safe on the water and at the beach. The children particularly enjoyed climbing on board the lifeboat and driving the launch tractor. All the children will have the chance to meet with the RNLI team next term in May for a morning of workshops explaining the work of the RNLI and how to keep themselves safe around water.



NITS

Nits have been reported in several classes - please check your child's head regularly to try and keep this under control



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
11th February	Safer Internet Day	Whole School	In School	
12th February	Roman Party	Class 4 and Parents	In School @2.30pm	
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	Parent Forum	Parents	School Hall @9.00am	
28th February	Bake Sale	Class 3	School Hall @3.15pm	
2nd - 5th March	Bikeability	Years 5 & 6	At School & around the village	
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 @ 12.30pm	£5.00
21st March	Community Tree Planting Event	Children & Parents	Field in Blackawton	
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			
26th April	Big Breakfast & Fun Run	Everyone	In School Hall and Field	Varies according to choices

Thank you so much to Matt Studd for providing us with bark to help soak up some of the mud on the field. It has been great to have dry weather and to be back using the field this week, as much as possible, for lunch and play times.



www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

3-9 FEBRUARY 2020 IS CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

The week is run by children's mental health charity **Place2Be** to focus on the importance of children and young people's mental health. This year's theme is **FIND YOUR BRAVE**.

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Bravery comes in all shapes and sizes and is different for everyone. Bravery can be about sharing worries and asking for help, trying something new or pushing yourself outside your comfort zone. **FINDING YOUR BRAVE** can build your confidence, self-esteem and make you feel good about yourself.

Life often throws challenges our way. Bravery isn't about coping alone or holding things in. It's about finding positive ways to deal with things that might be difficult, overcoming physical and mental challenges and looking after yourself.

We all have times when we need to **FIND OUR BRAVE**.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Here are a few simple ways you can encourage your child to **FIND THEIR BRAVE**.

1. **Remind your child that bravery comes in many forms and everyone is different.** What's brave for them might not feel brave to someone else.
2. **Chat with your child about a time when you've had to FIND YOUR BRAVE.** It might have been something big or small.
3. **Praise your child when they FIND THEIR BRAVE.** Maybe they've kept going at learning a new skill or tried something outside of their comfort zone which boosted their confidence.
4. **Point out examples of bravery in books and films** to your child and talk about how trying out different ways of being brave will help them feel good.
5. **Reassure your child that not feeling brave is OK too** and that there are times when it might be more difficult to be brave.

At children's mental health charity **Place2Be** we want all children to think about how they look after their minds.

Let your child know that if they are not sure about something, they should talk to an adult they trust. It could be you, someone in your family, a teacher or someone else in their school.

If you're worried about your child's mental health you can talk to your GP or someone at your child's school.

You can also find a list of organisations that provide support and advice on our website www.place2be.org.uk/contacts



BLACKAWTON SCHOOL COMMUNITY LUNCH

As part of our Bronze Food for Life Award we are holding a Spring Community Lunch on

Thursday 12th March 2020 @ 12.30pm

**Roast Leg of Lamb
Served with Roast Potatoes
Cauliflower Cheese
Seasonal Vegetables
Mint Sauce
Gravy**

Roast Quorn Fillet (Vegi option)

Fruit Crumble with Custard

£5.00 Per Person

To Book for the Community Lunch please telephone the School Office on 01803 712363 or e-mail – admin@blackawtonprimary.org.uk by Friday 6th March 2020.



Primary Colours

A celebration of Children's Art

8 ~ 26 February 2020



Image from Primary Colours 2019

An Exhibition of Artwork from 13 local Primary Schools

Open Monday ~ Saturday 10 am - 4 pm

Harbour House, The Promenade, Kingsbridge

With special thanks to our volunteer gallery stewards for supporting this exhibition
www.harbourhouse.org.uk

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 librariesunlimited.org.uk
 Registered charity number: 117002

Come and join us at our

Carnival Crafts For Kids



Carnival is celebrated all over the world in different ways. Join us adding our own bright and cheery take making Venetian masks, Russian dolls, Brazilian rain sticks and snake rings.



Dartmouth Library
Tuesday 18th February
10-11.30am
Drop in, £1 per child



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Blackawton Blooms



Valentine's Flowers

Order your beautiful hand-tied bouquet, tastefully wrapped in brown paper from Jane and Clare on
 07951 296494/07866 459149

Don't let the love of your life be disappointed this Valentine's show them how much you care by ordering a beautiful hand-tied bouquet of stunning flowers from Jane and Clare.



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 free delivery
 on orders over £30