



Blackawton Primary School Weekly News



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

14th February 2020

Weekly Attendance Per Class for 10th to 14th February 2020

Class 1 97.71%, Class 2 95.77%, Class 3 95.00% Class 4 96.79%, Class 5 91.67%

Our Attendance Target is 96%

Team Nurture are the winners this week with 97.71%

Success all round at Blackawton Primary!

What a fantastic half term we have had at Blackawton. We are delighted to announce our success at the Food for Life Conference 2020. Anne, our school cook, and I were delighted, on behalf of the school, to receive the inaugural Peter Melchett Award from Food for Life and the Soil Association.



We were presented with a prize of £1000 plus a beautiful bowl carved from a piece of wood from Peter's farm.

The conference highlighted the importance of the health and well-being of our children, and providing healthy meals cooked from fresh local ingredients.

We have some exciting plans for the food activities planned over the rest of the year.



Also this week we have had Johnny Rutherford, from BBC Spotlight, interviewing a group of children about hedges and habitats. This should air either tonight or next Monday evening.

Have a lovely Half Term everyone
See you on Monday 24th February

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 interested 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 event is being organised in partnership with Sustainable Blackawton.

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.



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.

Gardening Club with Mrs Burris, free.

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

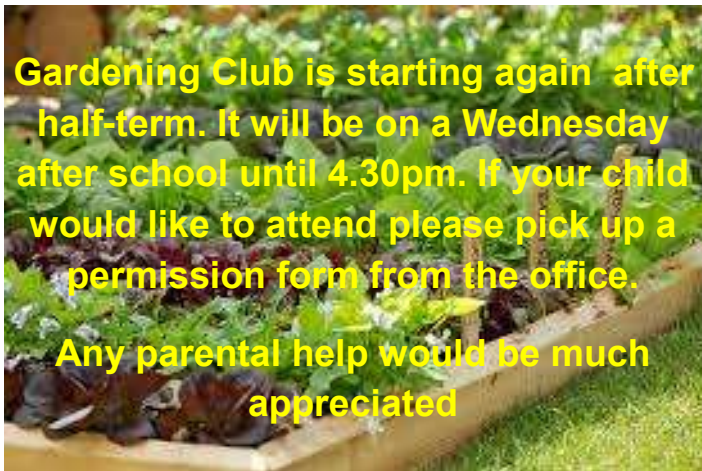
SCHOOL LUNCHES



We will be on Week 1 of the Spring Menu next week

Gardening Club is starting again after half-term. It will be on a Wednesday after school until 4.30pm. If your child would like to attend please pick up a permission form from the office.

Any parental help would be much appreciated



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
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	
4th March	WE Day Trip	11 Global Citizens	SSE Arena, London	£60
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	Blackawton Church	
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





Books to Support Children's Mental Health

A scheme for GPs to recommend books for mental health and wellbeing is extending its reach to younger readers.

The following books should be available at every public library – details of 5 more will be provided next week.

Further information can be found in this article from The Guardian:

https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/feb/06/picture-books-on-prescription-the-new-chapter-in-childrens-mental-wellbeing?CMP=share_btn_fb&fbclid=IwAR3lFeS_1OCtPfKNVINiKM8KmrDIeundSJQRnJE2BV4za8OhfXV1t2l11E



Grief

Michael Rosen's Sad Book

Michael Rosen, illustrated by Quentin Blake

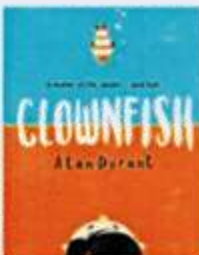
An eloquent and affecting portrait of sadness, this book packs wisdom into very few words. Rosen's son Eddie died as a teenager, but the sadness here is about something more than grief. Although it is a picture book, there is enough emotional content and thoughtfulness to stimulate older children too. It makes the experience of sitting with sorrow - the author's, one's own -



Mum's Jumper

Jayde Perkin

The unnamed narrator of Perkin's picture book comes to terms with the death of her mother, whose old jumper helps to keep her close. Artfully told and uplifting, the story leads the reader forward through the stages of grief. For a similarly tender, thoughtful approach to family bereavement, try *If All the World Were ...* by Joseph Coelho and Allison Colpoys.



Clownfish

Alan Durant

Dak's dad has died, and Dak is convinced he has turned into a clownfish at the aquarium they used to visit together. His certainty helps him to cope with the loss - until the day when he has to face the truth. Filled with warmth and humour, this short novel would suit children aged nine and over.



Anxiety

All Birds Have Anxiety

Kathy Hoopmann

This book joyfully pairs photographs of birds of all kinds with simple text that gets inside the experience of anxiety, and something rather wonderful emerges from these unlikely juxtapositions. It's filled with good humour and warmth, likely to amuse as much as it comforts - a good choice for children who prefer to come at their worries sideways. *Ruby's Worry* is another great option in this category, an updated and simplified take on Virginia Ironside's classic, *The Huge Bag of Worries*.



Autism

M Is for Autism

The students of Limpsfield Grange School and Vicky Martin

A moving and empowering story of one teenage girl's experience of autism. Written by students who attend a school for girls with communication and interaction difficulties, it brings alive the experience of anxiety, of moving through the world as a person with autism, and the freedom that comes from being fully appreciated and understood.



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 2018

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 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
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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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Defibrillator & cardiac arrest response training & refresher session



A reminder to everyone that our defibrillator is located on the front wall of the village shop.

Our annual community awareness and training session, including training in correct CPR technique and use of the defibrillator, will be held at

11am-1pm on Saturday 14th March in the Village Hall.

The session which will be lead by local trainer Katie Finn from Kidz First Aid and is FREE and open to all – including those who came last year and would like a refresher!

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

It would help us to know if you plan to attend (to make sure we have enough biscuits!). Please contact Peter Hathaway:

p.hathaway@live.co.uk