



Blackawton Primary School Weekly News



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

31st January 2020

Weekly Attendance Per Class for 27th to 31st January 2020

Class 1 96.33%, Class 2 98.08%, Class 3 97.14% Class 4 96.79%, Class 5 95.00%

Our Attendance Target is 96%

Team Wonder are the winners this week with 98.08%

Rotary Youth Speaks - Blackawton Primary School are off to the area final in Plymouth tomorrow - we wish them luck and will let you know how they get on.

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 are now ready to launch our Community Spirit of Blackawton Award. Badges have been ordered and the children have been informed about how they can work towards achieving a Bronze, Silver or Gold Badge.

To achieve an award, children will need to bring evidence into school showing what they have been doing. It can be a one off event or something that they do over time. The evidence can be in the form of photos but it will also need a short description. All evidence will be kept in the Community Spirit folder and when the children have completed three activities they will be awarded a Bronze award.

There will be three levels - Bronze, Silver and Gold.

Bronze - 3 activities

Silver - 7 activities

Gold - 10 activities

We have already received the first piece of evidence (organising, tidying and sorting out the PE cupboard) and a folder will be on display to celebrate the children's Community Spirit.

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

HOME LEARNING UPDATE

At Blackawton Primary School we believe home learning is anything children do outside the normal school day that contributes to their learning, in response to guidance from the school. Home Learning encompasses a whole variety of activities instigated by teachers and parents/carers to support the children's learning.

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 will be sent out soon. It will give you more information on the home learning that will be set each week and gives an explanation about the new websites that we have purchased to support your child's learning.

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.



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 2 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
5th February	Trip	Foundation (Class 1 & Nursery)	Life Boat Station	£2.50
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	Bake Sale	Class 3	School Hall @3.15pm	
2nd - 6th 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	
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			

Mel would like Sample Wallpaper Books to use for art lessons in school. If you have any books or know someone who has please bring in to the school office

Thank you



Young Carers Awareness Day 30 January 2020

Everyday across the UK thousands of young people help to look after someone in their family, or a friend, who is ill, disabled or misuses drugs or alcohol.

If you are under 18 and you help to look after someone you may be a young carer.



Young carers do many things that other young people might not usually do, such as:

- Talking to someone who is distressed and helping them communicate.
- Helping get someone out of bed and dressed.
- Collecting prescriptions and giving out medicines.
- Managing the family budget.
- Cooking, housework and shopping.

Young Carers Awareness Day is an annual event, organised and led by Carers Trust, to raise awareness of the challenges faced by young carers and to campaign for greater support for them.

This year, Carers Trust has launched the **Count Me In!** campaign asking education providers to do more to identify young carers and to make sure that they are recognised and supported. This includes making sure that more young carers know how to access their local young carers service.

For young carer help, information and advice, contact your local young carer service:



Devon Young Carers
03456 434 435
youngcarers@devoncarers.org.uk

Support the campaign and find resources to help you: [Carers.org/YCAD2020](https://www.carers.org/YCAD2020).



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#CountMeIn

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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 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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Fear not! **BADS** proudly present a

VARIETY SHOW

In Blackawton Village Hall
 On Saturday 1st February 2020
 At 7:30pm

For All the Family
 Tickets £5 adults / £3 <16
 (from the Community Shop or on the Door)
 There will be sketches & music &
 anything else we can think of!