



Blackawton Primary School Weekly News Update



Contact us: parent@blackawtonprimaryorg.uk

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Dear Parents and Carers

Well, it has been another busy week in Tapestry-land, thank you to everyone who has been posting work. We recognise that not everything that you do with your children will end up on Tapestry or the other learning platforms that we are using in the way of remote learning, but we love seeing it and giving feedback as best we can. It may be remote for us as teachers but it is not however remote for you as hard working teacher-parents; we thank you for the great job you are doing. We continue to wait for guidance on returning to school, and what this look like and when it will happen.

Whilst we are all missing seeing everybody, we also feel very fortunate to have a supportive community to help us all at this time. One exciting moment of news this week was hearing that poor Mrs Llewellyn was taken home in a police car...no she wasn't arrested you'll be glad to hear, just broke down on the way back from supporting the child care at Dartmouth Academy...many things in life are carrying on as normal!

Thank you to Leanne Roberts who has offered to include the staff in her yoga sessions.

Leanne is now holding 2 online yoga classes a week. One on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm and one on Wednesday evenings at 7.15pm via Zoom.

If you would like more information then please contact the parent e-mail and we will forward your details on to Leanne.

The school governors met this week on Wednesday evening, and were interested to find out how the school is operating at this time. They discussed what we, as a school and trust, are doing to support families, children's learning, child care for key workers, support for staff and plans for a return to school. We have a whole team of "back-room" people supporting us within the ESW Multi-Academy trust and we would like to especially acknowledge the continuous hard work of the IT, Data, Premises, Business, Finance, Administration and Leadership teams.

Rachel Burris

Community Spirit Awards

Well done to the children that have been presented earlier this week with their Community Spirit Bronze Award, these are some of the reasons why...

Well done to **Annoushka Sylger-Jones**, who has been raising money for the NHS by making and selling decorated stones outside of her house.

Jack Parr Ferris has tremendous Community Spirit, he has been thinking about other people who might need a boost at this time as well as helping at home and looking after the local environment.

Sam Parr Ferris has been writing letters to one of the key workers to give them a moral boost, as well as looking after the local environment plus keeping a record though a good deeds diary, well done.

Well done, **Lottie Tozer** for being an amazing First Aider, and looking after your mum after she cut herself, fixing the fences when the sheep escaped and keeping the house spick and span by doing the hoovering.

Phoebe Tozer has, alongside becoming a shepherdess, been helping out at the local stables, looking after the garden and fixing some furniture, as well as representing her Athletics club, brilliant Phoebe.

Thank you to **Lorcan Milmo**, who has been helping out a lot at home, loading and unloading the dishwasher, reading to his sister, Syrenna and loving his special job of washing the car, great Community Spirit Lorcan.

Miller Wilkins has been really helpful at home during the lockdown. She has helped plant the greenhouse up with salads and we made a new chicken pen. She walks the dogs every day and helps tidy the house and even sorts her own washing. Fabulous Community Spirit, Miller.

Please let me know if you have been helping and thinking about others, I have quite a list already, for this Monday's assembly.

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.

SIGNPOST

CAMHS support during Covid-19 pandemic

Additional crisis support is being offered during the pandemic. If a child or young person (under 18) is experiencing a mental health crisis, you can now access Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) 24/7. Please contact 03300 245 321 from 8am-5pm, Mon to Fri or 0300 555 5000 outside these hours. Callers will speak to a call-handler, their call will be forwarded to a voicemail service and their message will be returned within one hour. There are three CAMHS crisis teams - Torbay and South Devon; Exeter, East and Mid Devon; and North Devon. Your call will be directed to the appropriate team. In the event of an emergency please call 999.

<https://childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk/>

Another really useful link to NHS Self Help Leaflets:

<https://web.nrw.nhs.uk/selfhelp/>

Information for you to get connected with Parent Carer Forum Devon! Please share with your contacts and parents you support.

Information about Parent Carer Forum Devon and how to get involved.

Parent Carer Forum Devon is an organised group of parents and carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) within Devon local authority. Our aim is to make sure that services provided from education, health and care meet the needs of children with SEND and their families.

We do this by gathering the views of local families and then working in partnership with the local authority, education settings, health providers and other providers to highlight where local services, processes and commissioners are working well, or challenge when changes or improvements need to be made.

Parent carers can often pinpoint problems frequently experienced by families with children with SEND. The forum can then share this information with the local authority and local health services. This knowledge is useful to professionals as they plan services to meet needs.

Right now we are in unknown times, and education, health and care are needing to adapt and change their response in how to meet the needs of our children and families. It is really important to hear what's working well and also what is difficult right now, and through the forum's regular meetings and conversations with education health and care we can feed back the lived experience of Devon families during the COVID19 pandemic.

We look forward to hearing from you and hearing how things are for your child/ young person with SEND and your family, but meanwhile please join our Facebook group here;

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/parentcarerforumdevon/>

And you can sign up to receive our newsletter here; <http://eepurl.com/g0L6Mf>

Best wishes and stay safe.

Victoria and Julia

Julia Bonnell and Victoria Mitchell
Cochairs, Parent Carer Forum Devon

Sarah Simnett

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)

[utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=03cb8440df-](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?

Bobby has been reading to his Dad



Aimee has been
litter picking



Ella made a delicious
loaf of gluten free bread



Otto has been helping out with
the sheep



Rosa made
her very own
flower press