



Blackawton Primary School Weekly News



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

20th September 2019

Weekly Attendance Per Class for 16th to 20th September 2019

Class 1 100%, Class 2 97.31%, Class 3 98.89% Class 4 97.69%, Class 5 91.97%

Our Attendance Target is 96%

Team Nurture are the winners this week with 100%

Thank you to all the reception class parents who came along to the Phonics and Early Reading Workshop on Monday. Encouraging a love of books and reading is a key element of the School Improvement Plan. Across the school we are developing the expertise in the teaching of phonics and reading to ensure consistency from one year to the next. As well as giving children sufficient practice in reading and re-reading books in school, teachers also read aloud stories, poems, rhymes and non-fiction that develop children's vocabulary, language comprehension and love of reading. Watch out for our poems of the week.

Other reading workshops will be planned for parents throughout the year.

Research from the National Literacy Trust show that parents who engage in reading with their child at home will affect the child's performance at school in both primary and secondary schools, leading to higher academic achievement, greater cognitive competence, greater problem-solving skills, greater school enjoyment, better school attendance and fewer behavioural problems at school.

As a staff we have been looking at ways in which we can help children access more opportunities to read in school. The library will now be open every morning from 8.30am so that children can change books and complete quizzes, enabling parents another opportunity to read with their child.

We are always looking for parents, grandparents and other members of our school community who would be willing to come in to volunteer to read with our children on a regular basis. Please talk to the class teachers if you have any spare time.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the production of *The Hobbit* by M&M Productions this week. Classes 4 and 5 then had a surprise opportunity to work with the cast to find out more about how to direct and produce a show. They also found out how to use a light box and sound deck to create special effects. Immersive theatre opportunities help bring books alive. One child was so inspired that they ordered a copy of the book as soon as they went home. If you haven't yet paid your £2 contribution to the show please can you send this in next week.



What's On				
When	What	Who	Where	Cost
26th September	Make a Difference Day	All the School	Village & surrounding area	
1st October	FOBS AGM	All Parents	School Hall	
2nd October	Open Classrooms	All Classes	Afternoon	
9th October	Junior Life Skills	Year 6	Dartmouth Leisure Centre	
9th October	Big Soup Share	All Pupils, parents and community	School Field/hall	
10th October	Tempest Photos	Individual Pupils/families	School Hall from 9.00am	
11th October	Harvest Festival	Pupils and Parents	Blackawton Church	
15th October	Farmwise Trip	Classes 4 & 5	Westpoint Exeter	£7.50
15th October	Devon Wildlife Champions Trip	10 children from Class 2	Slapton	
17th October	Dart Food Festival	Year 3	Dartmouth	
18th October	Non Pupil Day			
21st to 25th October	Half-term	All Pupils		
29th October	Theatre Alibi 'I believe in Unicorns'	All Classes	School Hall	£4.50
5th & 6th November	Parent/teacher Evening	All Classes	In School	
20th November	Cinema Trip	Classes 2, 3, 4, 5	Barn Theatre, Dartington	£4.50
5th December	Elves & Shoemaker	Foundation children	Theatre Royal, Plymouth	£15.50
6th December	Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra	Classes 4 & 5	Exeter University	£7.50

Reminder that we are a Nut Free school as we have pupils with severe allergies to nuts.



Changes to Prices for September

School Meals £2.45

Nursery Meals £1.70

Breakfast Club £4.00

After School Club £6.00 (until 4.30pm), £8.00 (until 5.30pm)

Autumn Term Clubs

Monday

Football with Matt Jefferies. £4.00 per session. Starting on Monday 16th Sept. Please book direct using information sent via e-mail.

Tuesday

Writing Ambassadors with Mrs Buckle, lunchtime

Wednesday

Gardening Club with Mrs Burriss, 3.20 - 4.30pm, all ages

Reading Club with Mrs Llewellyn & Andrea, 3.20 - 4.15pm, all ages

Global Citizens with Mrs Buckle, 3.20 - 4.30pm Year 6

Warhammer with Tom Wildwoode, 3.20 - 4.30pm, all ages

Thursday

Music Club with Tiggy Saint, 3.20 - 4.30 in Class 5. KS2. £20 per half-term

Sports Club with Mr Sullivan, 3.20 - 4.15pm. KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5, 6)

SCHOOL LUNCHES



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

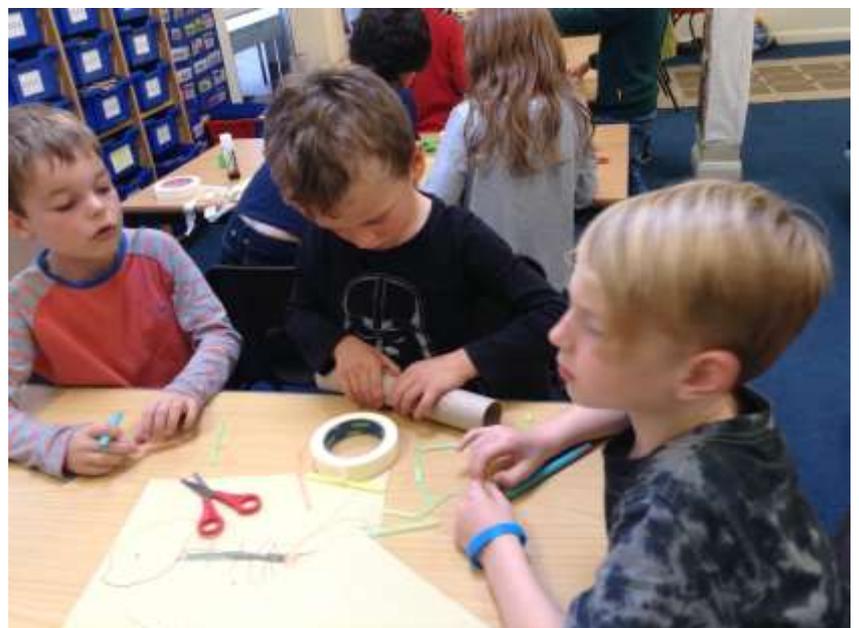
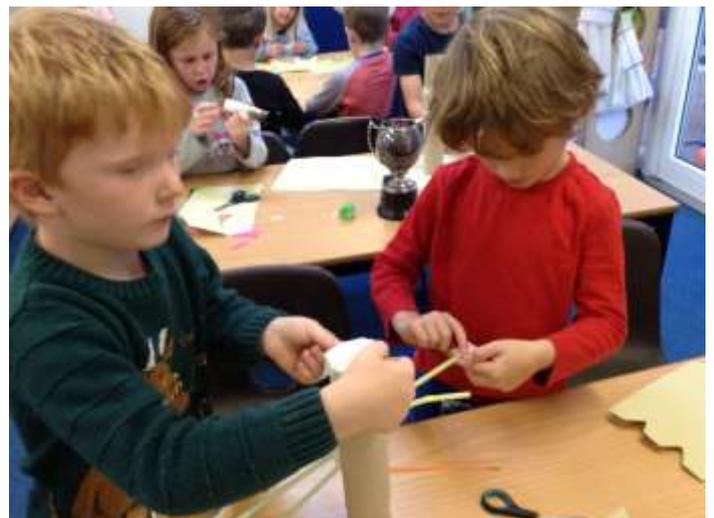
**The FOBS AGM will take
place on
Tuesday 1st October
7.30pm
School Hall**



Year 2 Sunflower Competition Results

Congratulations to Jack Parr Ferris who grew the tallest sunflower in our STEM sunflower competition. His sunflower reached an amazing 226cm!

Thank you also to the following children for your excellent entries- Freya (220cm), Rufus (203cm), Tate (196cm), Jessie (173cm), Herbie (150cm) and Marcel (who says he must have won the smallest sunflower as his only made it to 20cm).



SEND Signpost

Speech and Language Support

Do you have concerns about your child's speech and language development? We are always happy to discuss this with you and offer support, but you can also find out information and access services yourself on the Devon NHS website: <http://childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk/speech-language-therapy/>

About Us

Speech and language therapists offer support to children who experience speech, language, communication or swallowing difficulties through working on communication, understanding, talking, speech sounds and stammering.

Therapists offer support to children and young people from birth to 18 years where communication difficulties are impacting on their ability to fully participate in daily life. We take the lead on the assessment, differential diagnosis and management of, children and young people with communication and swallowing difficulties.

We work in partnership with children and young people, their families and other professionals to reduce the impact of these difficulties. We recognise the importance of working with your child in the most appropriate environment.

Guidance and helpful information

Before requesting help from us, if you think your child has difficulties with speech, language or communication, please use the toolkits found on the website. These toolkits will help you, and us, to establish your child's level of need and collect information which will be useful when we first see them.

Please follow the instructions in the toolkit, implement the strategies suggested within them and keep a record of the results as we will require you to submit this information to us if you find that you do need assistance from the Speech and Language Therapy Service.

Check out the weblinks on the [Speech and Language Therapy Request Criteria](#) page for additional support. You might want to discuss some of these activities with your child's health visitor or teacher.

Emily Risby & Sarah Simnett





Race night

**An evening of horse racing fun
to raise money for Blackawton Fireworks
hosted by Mark Leetham (Dr. Property)**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 4th

At the George Inn

The fun starts at 7pm

Bring loads of cash

Make some money for yourself and for Fireworks!

