# Blakedown CE Primary School Newsletter Autumn 6 

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Happy Birthday!
Happy Birthday this week $9^{\text {th }}-15^{\text {th }}$ October to:

Jacob who is 10 .


## Balancing Screen Time

Miss Waldron, our Online Safety Subject Leader, will be sharing a series of guides over this academic year to help support safe screen time at home. The first guide, which is attached to this newsletter, is about balancing screen time, and shares 5 top tips to support children and young people.
We hope you will find these useful.
For more information regarding keeping your child safe at home, https://www.internetmatters.org/ is a great website to support you too.

## Safety Notice

You will have noticed how busy the sports drive is at each end of the school day. It is advisable, wherever possible, that you use the back gate and path across the school field to enter and exit school, rather than walking down the sports drive. The gates are opened at 8.40 a .m. and $3.20 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. each day, allowing plenty of time to deliver and collect your children safely, using this route.
Also, please refrain from parking and letting your child out at the bus stop and do not park in front of the staff car park gates, as staff cars, as well as visitors to school, will be entering and exiting frequently throughout the school day. We thank you for being considerate and keeping our community safe.

## Date Reminders:

## October

17.10.23: Individual Photographs
18.10.23: Reception Stay and Play
19.10.23: Y2 Farm Trip
20.10.23: Y3 assembly, Y3
parents may attend
25.10.23: Parents' Evening 2
25.10.23: PTA AGM 7.00pm in school
26. 10. 23: PTA Bake Sale at the end of the day
27.10.23: INSET 3

Half Term: Friday $27^{\text {th }}$ OctoberMonday $6^{\text {th }}$ November.

## PTA Thank You

A special thank you to the PTA who have donated £2500 towards the purchase of Little Wandle reading books. This will support the children's home reading opportunities alongside the continued use of e-books. These have been purchased in response to parent feedback which highlighted that paper books were preferred to e-books.
Thank you to our families for attending events to make this amount possible.


## Recognition Awards for week beginning 9 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ October 2023

| Reception | Aaliyah Mila <br> All of Reception Class | For consistently demonstrating great listening skills and for always trying her best. <br> Who has shown great resilience and continued fabulous effort with her phonics work this week. <br> All children got ready for PE without any help this week. They turned all their clothes the right way around too, in readiness to get dressed back into their uniform after PE. |
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| Year 1 | Albert | For always trying his best. This week he has also worked well independently when writing. |
| Year 2 | Jude | For his excellent effort and making a great start to Year 2. |
| Year 3 | Jesse Grace L | For his methodical and careful approach to his maths work. For superb effort with her maths skills and being a kind and supportive classmate. |
| Year 4 | Betsy | For writing a fantastic story of an Escape from Pompeii. Betsy wrote in a way which conveyed emotion and demonstrated a clear understanding of how to edit and improve her work |
| Year 5 | Shirley-May <br> Primrose | For always showing kindness to others and being a supportive learning buddy; helping others with their work. <br> She consistently demonstrates positive learning behaviours in the classroom as well as being: kind, respectful, helpful, polite and well mannered too. |
| Year 6 | Roscoe <br> Tommy | For writing a vivid description of changing seasons for an imagined island that used super vocabulary. <br> For maintaining focus throughout all subjects and persevering with new concepts in maths |
| Music | Isaiah \& Nyla | For always giving their best in all music lessons and choir. |

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## Updating Contact Details

If you have recently changed any of your contact details (inc. telephone number, address, email, permission changes) could you please advise us as soon as possible. This information is required
to ensure you receive the correct correspondence and communication, as well as for maintaining safety for your child. Many thanks for your support in providing us with up to date information.

