

Blakedown CE Primary School



Newsletter Autumn 14



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Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday this week 11th -17th

December to:

Gracen who is 5;

Aaliyah who is 5;

George G who is 6;

Lucy,

Phoebe and

Archie who are 8;

✦ Holly who is 11.



Weekly Attendance

W.E.: 15.12.2023

Reception: 97%
Class 1: 98% 2 Lates
Class 2: 90% 2 Lates
Class 3: 96% 2 Lates
Class 4: 96%
Class 5: 87% 4 Lates
Class 6: 96%

Class
1

Blakedown Church's Crib Service

There will be a Crib service at Blakedown Church on Christmas Eve at 4.00 p.m. this year, which will replace the former Christingle service. Canon Wyn will be leading the service which will be very informal, telling the story of the Nativity with singing carols and with involvement of the children on the day, it is especially suitable for younger children.

It is hoped that families will resume making a Christmas Eve service part of their Christmas.



Final Week Arrangements

We will be keeping school very structured throughout most of next week to maintain routines for all the children and ensure their last week is fun but remains educational. On Friday 22nd December, there will some time where the children can play games together. Therefore, the children are allowed to bring one item to share with others during this time, if they wish. These should not be screens or games stations rather board games or cards.

Also on this day, the children are able to wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform rather than the school jumper, we ask if you could make a donation of £1 which will go to the NSPCC.

Wellbeing Newsletter

Please find attached and via this link, Wyre Forest School Partnership Christmas Wellbeing Newsletter:
<https://jmp.sh/Ee7BX6jl>

Date Reminders:

December:

18.12.23: Year 5 Trip - Cadbury World

19.12.23: R & Y1 Christmas Production

21.12.23: R & Y1 Christmas Production

22.12.23: Christmas Jumper Day & Lunch

For all future dates please refer to the school website calendar.

Village Carol Singing

The school community is invited to attend carol singing at Blakedown Church on Thursday 14th December at 7.00 p.m. for music, mince pies and mulled wine.



Blakedown Vision and Values

JOY

SERVE

ACHIEVE

School Christian Values

Peace Forgiveness Trust Perseverance Respect

Measles

Worcestershire's Public Health Team are raising awareness of measles and encouraging the uptake of the MMR vaccine following a further increase in cases across England. Measles can be a very serious infection, especially if it spreads to other parts of the body, such as the lungs or brain, causing pneumonia, meningitis, blindness, and seizures (fits).

Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash a few days later. Some people may also get small spots in their mouth. The rash usually starts on the face and behind the ears before spreading to the rest of the body. The spots of the measles rash are sometimes raised and join together to form blotchy patches. They are not usually itchy and look brown or red on white skin. It may be harder to see on brown and black skin.

Measles is one of the easiest diseases to catch through coughing or sneezing. It can spread quickly from person to person, especially in schools and a child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with. Unvaccinated children who have come into close contact with a person with measles may also need to be off school for 21 days. This rule applies to both staff and pupils and can therefore have a significant impact on education. Increasing the number of vaccinated children and adults within a school will help to reduce this risk.

The most effective way to control measles is by having 2 doses of measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. Outbreaks can occur in schools when not enough children have been vaccinated.

Vaccination is the best way for your child to build up immunity and to avoid disruption to their education. If you or your child has not been vaccinated, contact your GP for further details about getting the MMR vaccination.

BLUE HOOTS PARKING

Please note that parking in the car park of Blue Hoots is not allowed unless you have a child attending nursery. Blue Hoots has contacted school to say that the number of parents parking in their car park has increased and this week a member of staff had their car damaged by one of our parents who should not have been parking there. Although it seems as if parking is difficult around school, we are very lucky to have the use of the Sports Pavilion car park as well as other spaces on the roads around Blakedown, the public car park behind the shops and also use of the car parks that belong to the public houses in Blakedown. Consideration for others in our community should be paramount - the school sits at the heart of the community and all members need to work together in harmony as much as possible. Your assistance in this regard is much appreciated.

Recognition Awards for week beginning 11th December 2023

Reception	Meredith Edison	For her beautiful letter formation when writing a letter to the zoo. For fabulous use of his phonics knowledge to spell tricky animal names.
Year 1	Everly Francesca Reggie	For always trying her best and showing good perseverance. For working really hard to share her ideas in writing. For demonstrating fantastic focus in class and for singing with such enthusiasm.
Year 2	Amelia Ava	For super contributions during carpet time and class discussions. She is really growing in confidence and this shows in her phonics work too! For trying her best in everything she does! She always makes an effort in her lessons and works hard.
Year 3	Isaiah Eli	For always writing with creativity and using all the taught elements within his work. For his sensible and mature attitude to all learning.
Year 4	Kairi	For persevering with her times tables and always showing enthusiasm when practising them. Kairi has also shown a great improvement in her confidence when working with times table facts.
Year 5	Finlay Ava R	For always working conscientiously and with determination. He is also kind and caring towards others and helps younger members of our school family at lunchtime. For consistently demonstrating excellent behaviour in school, including learning behaviours, and is a helpful, caring and friendly member of our class and school.
Year 6	Tilly Holly	For always working conscientiously and being helpful in the classroom and around school. For always trying her best with every task - especially the poetry writing we have been doing.