

Blakedown CE Primary School

Newsletter Autumn 15



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Well Done!

Well done to Reception and Year 1 for the performance of their nativity - The Little Red Robin. They looked amazing in their outfits and their performance told the story of the birth of Jesus with acting, dancing and singing. It was very much enjoyed by all, thank you to the families who were able to attend and who gave lots of support to the youngest of our pupils in school.



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Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday this week 18th-24th December to:
Harper who is 7;
Jude who is 7;
Dom who is 8;
Lydia who is 8;
& Iris who is 9.

And 25th December – 7th January to:
Rae who is 5;
Oliver who is 5;
Remi who is 6;
Harlii who is 7;
Thea who is 7;
Amelie who is 9;
Gabby who is 9;
Sienna who is 9;
Hugo who is 10;
& Ryan who is 10.



All school staff wish our families a very happy and peaceful Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 8th January 2024.



Weekly Attendance
W.E.: 22.12.2023

Reception: 97% 2 Lates
Class 1: 95% 4 Lates
Class 2: 90% 4 Lates
Class 3: 95% 4 Lates
Class 4: 99% 1 Late
Class 5: 94% 1 Late
Class 6: 95% 3 Lates

Class
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Clicker Home Use

Please find attached a letter giving you home access to one of the resources we use at school to support children with their writing. The link to access this is on the letter and expires in the middle of January.

Date Reminders:

January:

10.01.24: Year 3 Swimming
18.01.24: Year 4 Pioneer Trip Meeting

For all future dates, including recognition assembly dates, please refer to the school website calendar.

TEAM POINT RESULTS:

1. Stingrays: 738
2. Sharks: 675
3. Jellyfish: 650
4. Seahorses: 632
5. Dolphins: 547
6. Turtles: 493

Well done all teams and to Stingrays for this term!

Blakedown Vision and Values

JOY

SERVE

ACHIEVE

School Christian Values

Peace Forgiveness Trust Perseverance Respect

Attendance

This term many children have experienced illness in one form or another. This inevitably impacts on their attendance at school and is unavoidable. Schools are expected to ensure that pupils' attendance levels in school are high, particularly after the closure of schools during the pandemic. The DfE have forwarded schools an information leaflet for parents regarding the importance of attendance and how parents can be supported with this - please find this attached with the newsletter.

Schools are also required to analyse attendance data to a greater degree now and identify pupils at risk of falling behind due to persistent absence, this is absence of 90% and below.

If you have received a letter this week about your child's attendance it is to inform you that your child's level of attendance is at risk of affecting their education if it were to continue at that rate and so that you can ensure that other appointments and holidays are booked outside of the school day. Of course, illness cannot be avoided and we do not want children at school when they are unwell. Let us hope that the spring term will see a down turn to all the illnesses that we have been stricken with this term.

School Lunch Orders

Please remember to place your hot dinner orders prior to us starting back on Monday 8th January. The last day for placing your food choices is Friday 5th January.

Primary Applications for children starting September 2024

Please be reminded if you are applying for your child to start school in September 2023 that the **closing date for applications is 15th January 2024**. If you have friends with children who will start in September 2024, please also remind them of this date.

Class Celebration Awards for Autumn Term 2

Reception	For their improved listening skills and for being an absolute pleasure to teach.
Year 1	For settling well into the routines of Year 1 and developing greater independence within their learning.
Year 2	For showing resilience and working well as a team this term.
Year 3	For effort and progress in joining their handwriting.
Year 4	For showing dedication, enthusiasm and positive contributions during the autumn term and to celebrate their fantastic achievements.
Year 5	For their enthusiasm for learning and their considerate and thoughtful attitude towards one another.
Year 6	For showing super academic progress throughout the autumn term.