

Blakedown CE Primary School

Newsletter Spring 5



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Well Done!

Well done to Year 2 who led worship this week based on the value of respect and their learning this half term about penguins. They all spoke clearly and had worked hard to learn their parts. They made us all very proud of them - well done!

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday this week
5th-11th February 2024 to:
Lilia & Betsy who are 9.

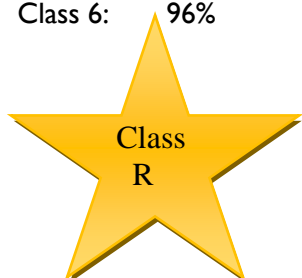
And in half term 12th-18th
February 2024 to:
Tabitha who is 5;
Ethan who is 7;
Keeley who is 7;
Harley who is 9;
Kairi who is 9;
Ummaymah who is 10; &
Seb who is 11.



Weekly Attendance W.E.: 09.02.2024

Reception: 97% | Late
Class 1: 96% | Late
Class 2: 95% 2 Lates
Class 3: 96% | Late
Class 4: 96%
Class 5: 94% 2 Lates
Class 6: 96%

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Year 6 Fund Raising Event

Year 6 will cumulatively be travelling from Land's End to John O' Groats - a distance of 1407Km - to raise money for some new computing equipment to benefit all children in school. This will involve completing at least 4 laps of the field each day. Any extra completed is a bonus! This challenge is expected to take 10 weeks to complete and all children (and staff) in Year 6 will contribute to the total.

If you would like to donate, please click on the QR code to take you to the Just Giving page connected to this event:



Date Reminders:

February:

19.02.24: INSET Day
21.02.24: Year 1 Trip to Singers Hill
21.02.24: Y3 Swimming
23.02.24: Recognition Assembly with
Year 3 parents/carers.
23.02.24: Y6 Kidderminster Harriers
Health Kick
28.02.24: Year 3 Swimming

March:

01.03.24: Year 4 Class & Recognition
Assembly with Year 4
parents/carers.
01.03.24: Y6 Kidderminster Harriers
Health Kick.

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

Online Safety

Across this week, we have had an extra focus on online safety to recognise Safer Internet Day held on Tuesday. As a school we need to ensure that you are aware of as much information as possible surrounding online safety as this is a large part of safeguarding pupils, their emotions and wellbeing. Further information can be found on our website by clicking on this [link](#).

Blakedown Vision and Values

JOY

SERVE

ACHIEVE

School Christian Values

Peace Forgiveness Trust Perseverance Respect

Recognition Awards for week beginning 5th February 2024

Reception	Meredith Willow	For her beautiful letter formation and treating us to her violin playing. For always being ready to learn and demonstrating fabulous enthusiasm and effort.
Year 1	Charlie Albert Milan Elissa, Everly & Edward	For having an excellent attitude to learning and always trying his best. For always demonstrating super focus and effort, Albert always sets the right example. For excellent listening skills and always being ready to learn. All for demonstrating the value of service and being very helpful in the playground.
Year 2	Freddie Daisy All Year 2	For a fantastic improvement in being ready to learn and sharing his idea in class discussions. For showing respect and being a great role model to the whole class with her attitude to learning. For trying so hard to learn their lines for assembly.
Year 3	Oliver Lydia	For sharing his top tip about telling the time. For working hard in all lessons especially maths and swimming.
Year 4	Seb & Amos	For their continued hard work and perseverance with maths when looking at dividing and multiplying 3-digit numbers. Both have worked incredibly hard and made good progress.
Year 5	Eres James	For going over and above, helping with jobs around the classroom and her positive attitude towards learning. For his excellent use of vocabulary in his writing and his passion and enthusiasm for reading.
Year 6	Rafe	For continually showing a great example to others with his reading.

REMINDER:

*Next week is half term, please do not forget to order your child's hot dinner selection for next half term by **Friday 16th February.***

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the PTA for organizing the discos for the children yesterday and to all the parent helpers that made the whole event a success.

Staff Update

We will be welcoming Miss Waldron back to school after half term following a period of absence - we all look forward to welcoming her back.

This term we said goodbye to Miss Leach and next half term we will be saying goodbye to Miss Craige - both having secure jobs elsewhere.

New staff that have joined this term are Miss Winwood as teaching assistant in Year 1 & Year 2 and Mrs Hollow as lunchtime supervisor, both have settled into their new roles and we are glad to have them on board as part of the staff team.

Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) Vaccinations

An increasing number of measles cases are continuing to be seen across the country. While Worcestershire has one of the best rates for uptake, some children who haven't had their MMR could be at risk of getting this serious illness.

Two doses of the MMR vaccine are given to make sure we have the best protection from measles. The first dose is given at 12 months of age and the second dose is given at three years and four months, before starting school. For anybody who did not receive the full vaccination course, your own GP will be able to provide a catch-up MMR vaccination.

The MMR vaccine is a safe and effective combined vaccine that protects against three serious illnesses: Measles, Mumps and Rubella. Overall, Worcestershire has an excellent uptake of the MMR vaccine; for 5-year-olds, the county shows as having an uptake of 96.4% (1 dose) and 91.3% (2 doses). The 1 dose figure is joint highest in the West Midlands region and the 2-dose uptake is the outright highest in the region. Having the vaccine protects not only the child but also reduces the spread of the disease. This relies on as many people as possible being vaccinated and is why Public Health experts in the county are keen to continue to encourage all children to be vaccinated.

Measles is a very infectious viral illness that is spread by coughs and sneezes. It usually starts with cold-like symptoms which can include a high temperature, a runny or blocked nose, sneezing, a cough, sore red eyes and a rash. It spreads very quickly to non-immune children and adults who are unvaccinated or have not previously been infected.

NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire and Public Health are holding pop-up MMR vaccination clinics in these areas. If your child hasn't had the MMR vaccination just turn up. You can ask for an MMR vaccine which does not contain pork ingredients if you prefer.

Not sure if you or your child have, had it? Just check your red NHS book or ask at your local GP.

The clinics are being hosted in libraries on the following dates:

- Kidderminster Library – 10th Feb, 9.30am until 4pm
- Wythall Library – 10th Feb, 9.30am until 4pm
- Redditch Library – 10th Feb, 9.30am until 4pm
- Evesham Library – 17th Feb, 9.30am until 4pm
- Malvern Library – 17th Feb, 9.30 am until 4pm
- The Hive – 17th Feb, 9.30 am until 4pm

The pop-up MMR clinic is free, and no appointment is necessary but if you'd prefer an appointment, you can also book ahead by calling 01527 390030.

If anyone has symptoms of measles, please stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. Do not go to GP surgeries or A & E departments so the illness isn't spread to others.

For more information on measles and the MMR vaccine please visit: Measles - [NHS](https://www.nhs.uk) (www.nhs.uk)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Wrap Around Care Assistant (2 roles – 8 hours & 10 hours)

Role 1: 10 hours per week: Monday-Wednesday 3.00 p.m.-5.30 p.m. and Friday 7.15 a.m.-8.45 a.m. & 3.30 p.m.-4.30 p.m.

Role 2: 8 hours per week: Monday 2.30-5.15 p.m. and Wednesday & Thursday 3.00-5.30 p.m.

Both roles have the potential to increase over time and an opportunity to work in holiday clubs and to move into the management of provision over time.

The governors are looking for an enthusiastic, self-motivated and organised person to help support our growing Wrap Around Care and Holiday Club provision at Blakedown CE Primary School. The enthusiastic and dedicated candidate must be passionate about working with children. Previous experience of working with children in a school setting is desirable, and candidates must demonstrate patience and empathy and the ability to remain calm under pressure, as well as relating to children and ensuring they are provided with a range of enjoyable experiences during their time at the provision.

The successful candidate will work as part of a team of dedicated staff to prepare food and provide a safe and stimulating environment, supporting and encouraging creative and imaginative play activities. The ideal candidate is somebody who is keen to learn, will engage and inspire children through extra-curricular activities and learning outside the classroom and uphold the ethos and values of the school. There are plans for holiday clubs across the year run by the provision and also the potential for the right person to deputise for the manager and learn about the management of the provision to provide internal succession planning for the future.

You will have:

Excellent communication skills; an understanding of safeguarding; behaviour management experience; ability to lead all activities planned and suggest activities in the provision.

Job role:

- Prepare food according to the menu and with respect to hygiene practices;
- Lead activities including arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games;
- Be proactive and use initiative;
- Ensure all children are included, engage and support them;
- Maintain positive working relationships with pupils, parents/carers and colleagues;
- Additional opportunities to be part of holiday clubs in the future.

We offer:

A warm, welcoming environment where the focus is on enjoyment; developing the individual and nurturing a lifelong love of learning; an opportunity to work as part of a highly motivated and supportive team; CPD opportunities in paediatric first aid, safeguarding and food hygiene as well as providing support and input from our experienced and friendly staff.

school. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of children and young people and expect all staff to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. The successful candidate will need to undertake a DBS check, along with other relevant employment checks.

Applications will be only accepted via an application form and not in CV format. Any further enquiries please contact the school office. Closing date 16.02.24

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Teaching Assistant TA1 + SEND Allowance (2 roles - 19 hours and 14 hours)

Role 1: 19 hours across Monday-Friday 8.40 a.m.-12.30 p.m.;

Role 2: 14 hours across Monday-Friday 12.30 p.m.-3.20 p.m.

The Governors are seeking to appoint two caring, positive and experienced teaching assistants, who are patient and highly motivated to work independently and collaboratively with a focus on supporting a child with an EHCP for ASD across the week. You will need to work daily with a teaching assistant partner who works the other half of the day. Additional hours have been built in so that the focus of supporting this child and others like them can take place during part of lunchtime. The right candidates should possess excellent communication skills both written and verbal and have a real interest and commitment to support the development of the whole child. Each candidate should be someone who enjoys working with children with a range of needs on a 1:1 basis and in small groups and has experience of doing this to get the best out of the children they are supporting.

We are offering the opportunity to work in an environment where each person is valued and with pupils who love to learn and are motivated in wanting to do well. You will be joining a committed team where your own professional development is given a high priority. You must be available to work every day, there may be an option for negotiation about specific hours with the team partner once appointed.

This is a church school and the candidate should be at ease with the Christian ethos of our school. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of children and young people and expect all staff to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. The successful candidate will need to undertake a DBS check, along with other relevant employment checks.

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Interview date: w.c. 26.02.24