Blakedown CE Primary School Newsletter Spring 10





Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday this week 18th – 24th March 2024 to: Amelia who is 5; Elijah who is 8; Fern who is 9; Wilbur who is 11; Matilda who is 11; Taylor-Jaymes who is 11; Rafe who is 11; Dylan who is 11; A Flynn who is 11.

And over the Easter break 25th – March – 8th April to: Lane who is 5; Dimitri-George who is 6; Ruqayyah who is 7; Aria who is 8; Otto who is 8; Neve who is 9; Lily who is 9; Boni who is 9; 4 James who is 10.



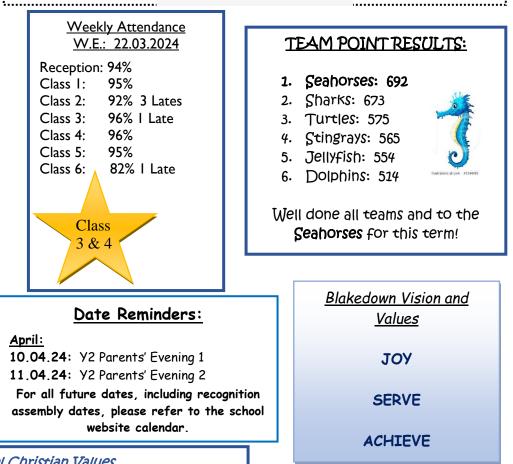
Year 2 Class Assembly & Dance

Well done to Year 2 who performed brilliantly for their parents this week. They told the story of Little Red Riding Hood, in story and song and then followed with a performance of their dance which they also performed at the dance festival today. The children thoroughly enjoyed performing for their parents and at the dance festival and showed confidence and enjoyment. Well done!

Spring Charity Piano Concert

The Charity Piano Concert was held on Saturday with 14 of our children performing alongside other young people who are learning to play the piano. The concert raised over £630 and the profits will be equally divided and donated to both the RSPCA and St. Peter's Church in Kinver. Many thanks to Mrs Davies for organising this out of school event and for letting us know that the children worked hard and performed well!





School Christian Values Peace Forgiveness Trust Perseverance Respect

Train Donation

You may have noticed a new piece of equipment in the form of a train in the playground. This was a donation by MWHTreatment who have been working on behalf of Severn Trent Water in Blakedown. As part of their ongoing commitment to local engagement they contacted school to see what they could donate to us and aptly suggested the train seating which is worth around £4,5000. The children have enjoyed having this new addition and over the summer term we hope to reposition it some further reorganisation of the current playground furniture. Please note that although it is very tempting to play on before and after school, that children should be directly entering school when the gates open at the start of the day and that the playground is required as soon as school finishes for wrap around care. Many thanks.



Norman Dawson Trust - Thank You!

You may have noticed that we have some contractors on site this week. They will be working in school over Easter and the week afterwards as we are having the community room area refurbished. Wrap around care has become very popular and to ensure we have suitable food preparation areas and storage, the space has been redesigned to fit in all the equipment. We are able to refurbish this due to a generous donation from The Norman Dawson Trust and are very grateful for this as it will enable the facilities to support our growing provision.

Free Training for Parents/Carers

Hereford & Worcester SENDIASS offer a range of training workshops for parent/carers. They have published new workshop dates, please see the poster attached. Workshops currently available are:

- Autism and Me (developed by autistic young people)- HW SENDIASS
- What does a good Education Health & Care Plan (EHCP) look like? — HW SENDIASS
 - How to check a draft Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)-HW SENDIASS ONLINE WORKSHOP
- What you need to know if your child has an additional need/disability- HW SENDIASS ONLINE WORKSHOP
- Who are SENDIASS and how can they support me? HW SENDIASS Online Information Session

<u>Class Celebration Awards for Spring Term 2</u>

Reception	For demonstrating a greater resilience in the learning environment; also showing kindness, thoughtfulness and care to all members of their class.
Year 1	For representing the school so well on all the out of school visits this term.
Year 2	For their hard work and dedication to learn all of the songs and lines for their Little Red Riding Performance.
Year 3	For their general drive and determination to become better readers.
Year 4	For showing perseverance and determination during their first residential trip to the Pioneer Centre. They all pushed themselves and faced their fears making us all very proud of them.
Year 5	For their independence and outstanding effort in maths lessons.
Year 6	For showing perseverance when completing their fundraising challenge.



New HAF website launching soon

If you are able to access HAF, it is moving to a new website soon! This new website will require you to re-register – however, if your children have previously been verified on the old website this process will be sped up by entering your child's HAF code. Make sure you have your child's HAF code written down somewhere safe for when the new website launches. To find your child's HAF code, log in to <u>https://www.haf-it.co.uk/</u> and go to 'My Children'. If you are on your phone, click on your name at the top right first, then 'My Children'. The code will be under your child's name. If your child does not have a code, you do not need to do anything – just wait for the new website to launch. Your child will still need to be eligible for benefits related free school meals to register.