

Blakedown CE Primary School

Newsletter Summer 5



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Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday this week 6th – 12th May to:

Teddy who is 5;
Mabel who is 6;
Ted who is 9;
& Bobby who is 10



Sun Safety

This week we have seen a glimpse of the summer. When weather is like it has been this week, we encourage the children to drink more and to take water bottles outside to do this at break times. We will also remind children to stay in shady places for periods of time and not be in the full sun throughout their break time.

Please support these important sun safe messages but making sure that children come to school with a water bottle every day. Additionally, please apply sun cream at the beginning of the day and ensure the children have a sun hat with them – one that covers the neck and has a peak to cover the face is recommended. Sunglasses are acceptable as long as they are children's glasses, with correct UV protection and plastic framed.



Online Safety

Please find attached another useful leaflet with guidance to support you and your child with online safety. This leaflet is about watching videos online.

Thank You!

Well done and thank you to Mrs Ward who completed the half marathon and raised a total of £940. £235 of this is being donated to the PTA which will directly impact on the pupils in school. Thank you also to all who supported.

Weekly Attendance

W.E.: 10.05.2024

Reception: 92%
Class 1: 92% 2 Lates
Class 2: 94% 1 Late
Class 3: 92% 1 Late
Class 4: 97% 1 Late
Class 5: 92% 3 Lates
Class 6: 97% 3 Lates

Class
4 & 6

Date Reminders:

May:

13-17.05.24: KS2 SATs
14.05.24: Y2 Forest School
16.05.24: Y2 Swimming
17.05.24: Y5 Trip to Compton Verney
17.05.24: Recognition Assembly with Y4 parents
22.05.24: Y6 Cricket
24.05.24: Recognition Assembly with Y6 parents

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

REMINDER:

Please be reminded that KS2 children need a fruit or vegetable snack for break times at school.



Blakedown Vision and Values

JOY

SERVE

ACHIEVE

School Christian Values

Peace Forgiveness Trust Perseverance Respect

Recognition Awards for week beginning 6th May 2024

Reception	Ronnie Aria	For some super listening and focus on the carpet , and during reading practise this week. For always being kind, caring, thoughtful and helpful to everyone in our class (including teachers).
Year 1	Elias Henry & Lucy Maddison	For fantastic editing skills when writing his story. For their love of learning and for striving to always do their very best. You should both feel proud of all you do. For working really hard to write her own story, demonstrating increased phonic knowledge and perseverance when writing.
Year 2	Heath Holly Thea	For showing continued perseverance and hard work in all areas of his learning. For being a fabulous role model who is always ready to learn and push herself. For persevering and improving her focus to make great progress in her reading.
Year 3	Isaiah Seth	For his contribution to every aspect of his learning and for working hard. For volunteering his lunch time to get the outdoor library up and running for the school which has demonstrated our value of service.
Year 4	Lilia Harley Milo	For making a wonderful start to her literacy planning about a monster slayer. For working really hard when writing similes during a recent literacy lesson, which he has used to describe his monster. For wonderful contributions during recent history lessons and asking brilliant questions to further develop his understanding of the Vikings.
Year 5	Ava	For being an excellent learning buddy, helping her peers to work with greater independence and being supportive and helpful.
Year 6	Billie	For coming up with some great descriptive ideas for our Flood narrative.
Lunchtime	Reception Class	For always listening, eating well and ready to enter back into school for the start of the afternoon promptly.

REQUEST:

If anyone would be able to donate any girls' underpants and socks (for any ages) to school for emergency purposes we have run out of our stock in school. Any donations would be welcome.

Tick Awareness

As we head into spring and summer, we are reminding people to be 'tick aware' as they enjoy the great outdoors. Ticks are small, spider-like creatures that are found in leafy, grassy areas and feed on the blood of animals and humans. Ticks can be active all year round, but they are most active in the months April to July.

Ticks live in many different outdoor environments, but they are particularly common in grassy and wooded areas. You are therefore more at risk of being bitten if you take part in activities such as hiking, cycling, or camping. You might also be exposed to ticks while on a walk in some urban parks and gardens.

Ticks can carry infections, including [Lyme Disease](#) and, very rarely, [tick-borne encephalitis \(TBE\)](#).

In the UK, the most important tick species to human health is *Ixodes ricinus*, more commonly known as the sheep, castor bean or deer tick. This species can be found feeding on humans and is the principle vector of Lyme Disease and other tick-borne infections.

Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that can be spread to humans by infected ticks. Studies in Europe estimate that 1% to 5% of tick bites can lead to Lyme disease. It is easier to treat if diagnosed earlier.

One of the most common symptoms of Lyme Disease is a spreading, 'bullseye' rash at the site of the tick bite which typically develops 3 to 30 days after being bitten. This rash does not occur in all cases.

Other symptoms include mild flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache and fatigue, a facial droop, nerve pains and numbness or tingling in the hands or feet.

Lyme disease should not deter you from enjoying the outdoors because you can reduce your chance of infection by following the precautions below.

[More information on Lyme disease treatment can be found on gov.uk.](#)

Tick-Borne encephalitis (TBE)

Tick borne [encephalitis](#) (TBE) is a viral infection which can also spread via the bite of infected ticks.

Although it is prevalent in many parts of the world, including several European countries, in the last few years, ticks carrying TBE have been found in a few areas in England. A very small number of human TBE cases have been diagnosed that are thought to have been acquired in the UK.

Most people with TBE do not have any symptoms. Those that do develop symptoms tend to become unwell 7-14 days after being bitten by an infected tick. Symptoms may be a mild flu-like illness but some people will develop severe infection in the central nervous system such as meningitis (infection of the membrane around the brain and spinal cord) or encephalitis (swelling of the brain).

Symptoms of severe disease can initially include a high fever with a headache, vomiting and neck stiffness. This can then progress to confusion, seizures or fits, weakness of the arms or legs reduced or loss of consciousness.

If you think you, or someone you know might have severe TBE dial 999, mention if you have been bitten by a tick or have been travelling as TBE is much more common in many other countries than in the UK.

Remember that advice and treatment is readily available through the NHS. If you think you have been bitten by a tick and have symptoms, contact your GP and accept the treatment that is offered to you.

How to avoid tick-borne infections

While walking in green spaces, stick to clearly defined paths and try to avoid brushing against vegetation where ticks might be present. Also consider wearing clothing that covers your skin such as long trousers or long sleeved tops. This will make it more difficult for ticks to access a suitable place to bite. Use insect repellent (for example DEET) and regularly check clothing or exposed skin so that you can spot any crawling ticks and brush them off. After spending time outside, it's very important to check yourself, clothing, pets, and others for ticks. Remove any attached tick as soon as you find it using a tick-removal tool or fine-tipped tweezers. Fine-tipped tweezers are different from regular tweezers that might be used to remove eyebrow hair. They are very narrow and pointed at the tip and ensure that ticks are not squashed during removal.

[Access additional resources to raise awareness of ticks, including a leaflet and poster.](#)