

Blakedown CE Primary School

Newsletter Spring 3



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Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday this
week 16th – 22nd January
to:

Keeva who is 9, and
Charlie who is 10.



Weekly Attendance W.E.: 20.01.2023

Reception: 93% 4 Lates
Class 1: 94% 4 Lates
Class 2: 98% 3 Lates
Class 3: 99%
Class 4: 97% 5 Lates
Class 5: 94%
Class 6: 93%

Class
3

ParentMail

From Monday next week you will be able to inform school of your child's absence through the ParentMail app. as an alternative to calling school in the morning. School still needs to know daily and prior to 9.30 a.m. if your child is absent and the reason for the absence and this system should not be used for planned longer term absences that require submission of an absence request form.

To use this app to inform school of an absence, open the app, go to the menu on the left-hand side indicated by three horizontal lines. Choose 'Absence', this will show the name of your child/children, choose which child the absence is for and press 'Add', then complete the drop-down boxes and also add additional information about the illness so that we have a full record. Please note for bouts of vomiting and diarrhoea, this necessitates absence of 48 hours and can be added as a 2 day absence on this system. You are still welcome to phone school to inform us of an absence, but this addition to the app now gives you an alternative method to do so.

Strike Action

As you are aware from the media, the NEU teacher's union has called a strike and for this region the strike days will be:

1st February,
1st March,
15th March and
16th March.

It is not entirely clear yet to what extent this action will affect school, but I am aiming to keep school open for all children albeit with some adjustments internally. If this is not possible, I will let you know as soon as I can.

Digital Devices

Since the start of the new term, there has been an increase in the children wearing watches that have the ability to take photographs or make recordings. Due to safeguarding measures, this sort of device is not allowed, therefore please ensure that your child does not wear one to school. An analogue or digital watch is recommended for use in school.

Date Reminders:

January/February:

27.01.23: Y3 Multi-Skills Event
01.02.23: Open Book Evening
03.02.23: NSPCC Number Day/
Rockstar

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

Blakedown Vision and Values

JOY

SERVE

ACHIEVE

School Christian Values

Peace Forgiveness Trust Perseverance Respect

Sports Events

There has been confusion on occasion about when children are attending sports events outside of school. To clarify, the school is part of the Wyre Forest Schools Sports Partnership who organise and run a variety of sporting events for different age groups across the year. As a school we plan out which activities we can attend and ensure that each year group has several opportunities across the year. For most of these events, we are only able to take a team from that year group with us, sometimes this is as small as 10. Therefore, we aim to give all children the opportunity to attend at least one of these events across the year.

If you have received communication about an event it is because your child has the option to attend at that particular time, but it might mean that other children are not attending the event on that occasion. Although communication between parents is very helpful as a reminder for events, on these occasions it can be confusing if there is only a small team attending. We will always contact you and ask for your consent prior to your child attending an event, so it is possible to check if your child is attending an upcoming event by checking on the Parentmail app or by contacting the office.

I hope helps to alleviate any confusion with regards to sports events.

Recognition Awards for week beginning 16th January 2023.

Reception	Olivia Reggie	For her fantastic focus on the carpet and trying hard to offer her ideas more often. Keep going Olivia. For trying very hard to always make good choices and for his fabulous tidying up!
Year 1	Ruby Ruqayyah	For showing super listening and as a result making super progress with her sentence writing. For showing fabulous focus in maths lessons and working really hard.
Year 2	Hettie	For being consistently enthusiastic within her learning both in school and continuing this at home. Hettie practised her sewing and has written facts about history makers. She shared this with the class with confidence and pride.
Year 3	Teddy	For making good links in his learning and offering great ideas in discussion, especially in literacy.
Year 4	Ava R	For facing a challenge and overcoming it!
Year 5	Roscoe Tommy Quinn	For demonstrating a mature attitude and for supporting his peers in being a good friend. For a conscientious approach to his work and for beginning to improve his concentration. For always being considerate and polite and for going out of his way to make conversation.
Year 6	Yasmina Tilly	For writing an informal letter demonstrating humour and conveying emotion. For making a real effort to improve her presentation and use the handwriting joins correctly.
Music	Jayla-Mai (Y5) Taylor-James (Y5)	For always working hard in music lessons, singing praise worship and choir.