



# Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

**T2 Wk3: 22nd November 2024**

## Three Opportunities to shape the school

Join the Parents' Digital Action Group Meeting:

### DO WE BAN ALL MOBILE PHONES FROM SCHOOL?

**TUESDAY 7PM ONLINE**

Next Tuesday evening we will be holding our second Parents' Digital Action Group Meeting, where we will be discussing how we limit the harms that we are seeing to children as a result of access to mobile phones.

At this meeting we will be discussing whether **no children are allowed to bring mobile phones to school from September 2025, and whether (as the adults) we should not use our mobile phones at pick up or drop off so we are not distracted from being present with our children.**

If you would like to have your say on this matter, please join us for **next Tuesday's online meeting at 7pm:**

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN.](#)

### Become a Governor!

**We currently have one vacancy for a parent governor.**

Our school governors play a crucial role in championing the educational outcomes for all children, ensuring that the school's vision and values are upheld and actively pursued. To maintain a strong local voice, our school's local governing forum includes two parent representatives.

This helps ensure that the perspectives and concerns are heard and integrated into the decision making process.

Please see [the application pack](#) if you are interested.

Join the Parents' School Mission coffee mornings

### HOW DO WE BUILD CHAMPION LEARNERS?

**7th January 2025 9-10am Staffroom**

**Blackhorse's Mission to 'Build Champion Learners through Extensive Opportunities, Expert Tuition, Purposeful Practice and Personal Effort' is one of the most recognised in the region, with schools visiting us from all over the country to see what this means.**



However, we are aware that you as parents also have a view on this and we want to open a dialogue about why these four 'essential ingredients' really matter to how we educate your child. We started this last term, with our 90 second ['Vision Reels' on Twitter, Instagram and on the website.](#)

**Now we want to hold a termly coffee morning where we can discuss what these mean to us, and you can tell us about your views.**

[To express an interest in this coffee morning, please click here.](#)

## Term 2 Diary Dates:

**Wb 18th Nov: Infant Agility & Sportshall Athletics**

**Tues 26th Nov: ESFA District Finals**

**Tues 26th Nov: SEND & You coffee morning**

**Thurs 28th Nov: Flu Vaccines**

**Fri 29th Nov: INSET Day: school closed to pupils**

**Thurs: 5th Dec: Blackhorse Illuminations & Carols  
4:30-6pm**

**Mon 9th Dec: Choir singing at Badminton Gardens**

**Tues 10th Dec: Reception Nativity 9:30 and 2:15**

**Weds 11th Dec: Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day**

**Thurs 12th Dec: Y4 visit to Roman Baths**

**Thurs 12th Dec: KS1 Christmas Performance 2:15 & 6**

**Fri 13th Dec: 9:15 Rec & KS1 Achievement Assembly**

**Mon 16th Dec: Y3/4 Christmas Performance 2:15 & 6**

**Tues 17th Dec: Y5/6 Christmas Performance 2:15 & 6**

**Weds: 18th Dec: 9:15 KS2 Achievement Assembly**

**Fri 20th: PM Year Group Christmas Parties**

**Fri 20th Dec: Last day of Term 2**

## This week's Champions!

Each week, the staff nominate one child per class who has been a model pupil, demonstrating the values which we look for in Champion Learners! This week we have been focussing on the school value of pride. This week our nominees are:

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	Llewelyn & Gus
Reception	Crew & Molly
Year 1	Alys & Jack
Year 2	Sienna & Chloe
Year 3	Kizi & Bella
Year 4	Ethan & Ethan
Year 5	Henry & Elsa
Year 6	Elsa & Lincoln

## This week's Champion...

**Pride is our focus this week and Ethan in Oak has been chosen as our Champion.**

Miss Bettany writes Ethan is a star pupil and an absolute delight to teach! He comes into Oak class every day with an exceptional attitude to learning, he consistently shows bravery and pride through answering questions during class discussions, he is always respectful and kind to everyone he works with, and I can always count on him to be ready and doing the right thing at all times. Ethan you truly deserve to join and be remembered in the Blackhorse Hall of Champions - what an achievement!



## Christmas Lunch 11th Dec 24

The children will have the opportunity to enjoy Christmas lunch together on Wednesday 11th December. There will be roast turkey or a vegetarian option with roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables. These will be the only choices on this day.

Book via the Arbor App from December 2nd. We invite the children to wear a seasonal jumper or top on that day with their normal uniform on their legs and feet.

## SEND and You Coffee Morning

We have a coffee morning session next week with **SEND AND YOU** (previously called Supportive Parents.) The session is taking place on Tuesday 26th November from 9am until 10:30am in the staff room. This is a relaxed and informal session where SEND and You will give an overview of their service, as well as be on hand to answer any of your questions and have a chat.

SEND and YOU, provide free, confidential advice and support for parents about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. You can view their website [here](#).

## Attendance Champions this week

**Year 4 are our Attendance Champions this week with an average attendance of 97.4%.**