



Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

T2 Wk2: 15th November 2024

A Fantastic Week



It has been a busy week at Blackhorse and the children have shown their Champion qualities in a variety of ways. We have been especially impressed by the way they have thought of others throughout the week embodying our value of Respect

Year 6 started the week by taking centre stage in our Armistice Assembly by reciting two poems from the First World War, 'In Flanders Fields' and 'Dulce et Decorum Est.' The school community came together and joined in with the two minute silence at 11am.

It was great to see everyone wearing odd socks on Tuesday to celebrate their uniqueness. Our Mission Masters did an excellent job sharing the messages of Anti-Bullying week with everyone in assembly. They talked about choosing respect and showing kindness to each other in real life and online.



Friday saw the school turn yellow and spotty with a myriad of Pudseys in every classroom. This was another great example of the children thinking of others and helping out with their generous donations.

It was fantastic to show 82 visitors around the school during our open morning for prospective parents on Thursday. Every classroom we visited was full of engaged children enjoying their learning. It makes us very proud.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Due to the resignation of one of parent governors, Sam Evans, we have a vacancy for a parent governor on our Local Governing Board.

Our school local governing body has capacity for an additional parent governor, who are elected by, and from, the parents of pupils currently attending our school. Parent governors serve a 4-year term of office and bring a very important and valued perspective to the work of the school local governing board.

The remaining parent governor is Lisa Towler. She has children in Year 1 and Year 5. Her term of office will end in 2026. Full details on how to put yourself forward will be sent by the local governing board early next week.

Before you decide, you may want to know more about what is involved. Experience has shown that local governors need a strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children, the inquisitiveness to question and analyse, and the willingness to learn. Local governors need not be experts in the field of education – the skills you possess as part of your professional role or personal experience can be very useful to the school local governing body.

If you are interested in putting yourself forward but would like more information, please contact the school office and request a call from one of our Co-Chairs; Trefor Southwell or Shamina Chowdhury.

We would like to thank Sam Evans for her commitment shown to the role in her time as Governor especially in the realm of Safeguarding in which she provided challenge to the school to keep everyone safe.

Term 2 Diary Dates:

Wb 18th Nov: Infant Agility & Sportshall Athletics

Tues 19th Nov: ESFA District Finals

Fri 22nd Nov: PTA Wreath Making Event

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**

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

Weds 11th Dec: Christmas Lunch

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

Blackhorse Illuminations and Carols



In conjunction with the PTA we will be holding a festive evening to bring the community together .

It will take place from 4:30 until 6pm on Thursday 5th December. There

will be hot food, stalls selling hot drinks and mulled wine and a PTA stall with a small range of gifts to buy.

We are asking everyone to join in and sing a selection of traditional Christmas favourites around the tree. It promises to be a lovely evening and we hope to see you all there. Remember to bring a torch to help see the words and enthusiasm for singing.

Attendance Champions this week

Year 5 are our Attendance Champions this week with a fabulous average attendance of 97.8%. Years 2 and 4 were also above our target of 97% this week.

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 respect. This week our nominees are:

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	Jack, Mason & Vienna
Reception	Theo & Tilda
Year 1	Hannah & Jude
Year 2	Orlo & Jamie
Year 3	Grace K & Lily
Year 4	Valentino & Mia D
Year 5	Tabby & Evie
Year 6	Wyatt & Phoebe

This week's Champion...

Respect is our focus this week and Grace in Elm has been chosen as our Champion.

Miss Stack writes Grace is a Blackhorse Champion through and through and this achievement is well deserved. In class I can always count on Grace to be doing the right thing and follow instructions first time. She shows a great amount of respect towards all adults that work within Elm class and her peers. Grace is always looking for ways she can succeed within her learning and achieve her full potential. Well done Grace.



Football team triumph again

Our football team continued their great start to the season with a 7-1 victory in the cup against St Stephen's. Owen started the scoring in the first half. In the second half Cai scored an impressive 5 goals and Ralphie scored the other.