Blackshaw Moor CofE First School

Weekly Newsletter

Learning together, rooted in God

19th - 23rd October 2026

https://bms.ttlt.org.uk

A Note From Mrs Crawforth

As we approach the end of the first half term, I want to say thank you to you all for your support since we came back in September. The children have looked smart, have come with everything they need to and attendance is almost on track. We aim to have a whole school attendance of 96% and we are currently 95.5% so nearly there. You can see your child's individual attendance on Arbor. Although we know that illness is unavoidable, we are able to give Calpol if your child is only a little under the weather. Please avoid taking your children out for holidays as this does have a big impact on attendance and also on your child's education. If a child misses 10 sessions which amounts to one week, they may have missed a whole unit of the maths or English curriculum and will struggle to catch up as the curriculum is delivered at a fast pace to ensure everything is completed.

I want to wish you all a good half term holiday and look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday 3rd November. Thanks.



What's New

School Dinners

Unfortunately we are having to increase the cost of paid school dinners to £3.30 for children in Wise Owls. The cost will remain at £2.90 for the children in nursery. All of reception, year 1 and year 2 get free school meals. Just a reminder, if you are in receipt of any universal credit, no matter how small, your child will qualify for free school meals in nursery and Wise Owls so please do apply for these through https://fsm.app.staffordshire.gov.uk/

Wear it Pink Day

Just a reminder that Friday is Wear it Pink Day. We are not doing this to raise funds as we do other events that are fundraisers through the year, we are having the day to remind parents and carers to check themselves. Children can come in anything pink, even if it is just their socks. Children do not need to wear school uniform as well.

PTFA Autumn Fancy Dress Disco

Please see the poster later in the newsletter for more information about the disco. Children who normally attend Superstars on a Thursday who want to stay for the disco can bring their fancy dress costumes with them to change in to and they will only be charged until 5pm. You will then have to pay for the disco from 5pm until 6pm. Payment is to be made directly into the PTFA account, please use the child's name as the reference when transferring and the bank details are on the poster. Siblings are welcome but parents must stay with younger siblings.

Wreath making

This is taking place on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd December. Tuesday is nearly full so please do book your place as soon as possible if you can only make the Tuesday. The cost is £30 which includes the wreath, a festive drink and nibbles.

This Week's Highlight

See the box above for events happening this week.

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Awards of the Week

Stars of the week:

Mrs Gordon:
Mrs Shaw: Year 4
Mrs Worrall: Emily S
Busy Bees: Amelia B
Mrs Picken:
Mrs Corden: Isaac W

Forest School award -Ava T

Values:
Courage:
Friendship: Troy A, Tiffany G
Respect: Ayda R, Dax M

Golden Table: Nathaniel C, Delta A, Freddie W, Ida WJ & Mabel W and they have chosen Oakley L, Estelle HJ, Ava T, Noah WB & Beatrice B

Clean plate: Rosie G
Team Points: Meerbrook Mayhems

Hero Certificates:

Reading Tree 100:

Heroes of Change challenges:

Worship Council

That you shall have life, life in all its fullness (John 10:10)

The worship council will be leading a worship this week.

Upcoming Events

Fri 23rd Oct	Wear it Pink Day for Breast Cancer Awareness
Fri 23rd Oct	School breaks up for half term
Tues 3rd Nov	School opens for children
Wed 4th Nov	Bags2Schools collection
Tues 10th Nov	Diwali Day
Fri 20th Nov	Children in Need
Tues 1st Dec	Christmas Carol Service at St Matthew's Church 10am - all welcome
Thur 10th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Fayre and a visit from Santa
Fri 11th Dec	Celebration worship with parents invited 2.30pm (more info nearer the time)
Tues 15th Dec	Pantomime
Fri 18th Dec	Break up for Christmas
Mon 4th Jan	School opens for all

Club News

Superstars is available every day. Childcare is available 8am - 8.45am and 3.30pm to 5.30pm Mon - Thurs but after school **finishes at 4.30pm on Friday**. Please book this in advance through Arbor. If you need to contact the club when it is running, please use the number **07964 725263** as the school phone may go to answerphone and the message not be picked up in time. Thank you.

The clubs within Superstars are on until 4.30pm and include:

Monday – Loom Band and Lego club
Tuesday – Construction Club starts 15th Sept
Wednesday – Cookery club starts 16th Sept
Thursday - Computers and Crafts
Friday - No planned club, session finishes for all at 4.30pm

AUTUMN FANCY DRESS DISCO

at Blackshaw Moor 1st School

22nd October
5pm till 6pm





£5
includes sweets to take home

Siblings welcome for same ticket price

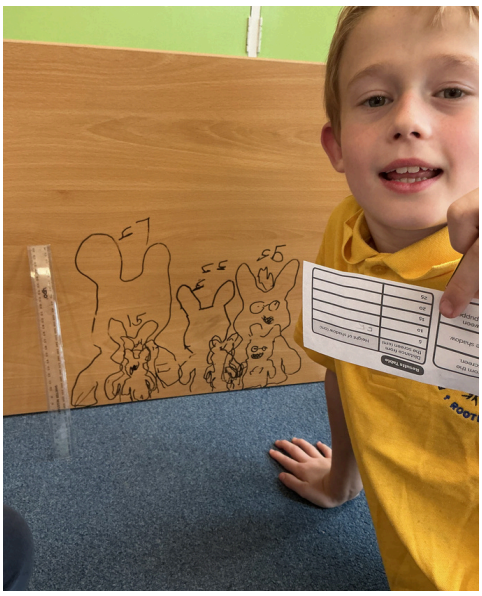
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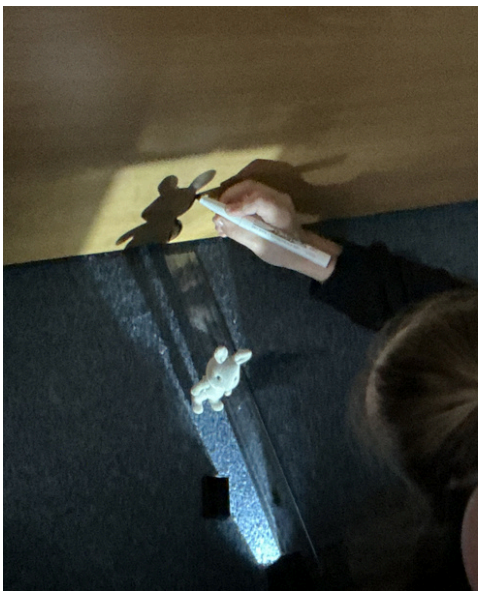
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Wise Owls Science

Children were investigating light and shadows - the only time they are allowed to draw on the table with a wipe clean pen!

















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Cookery club

Children made Macaroni Cheese this week (or Mac N Cheese if you are American!)















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Forest School

This week, children in Wise Owls made carrot and onion broth, Clever Cats learnt about why leaves change colour and made leaf prints and Busy Bees played games based on emotions and then used natural materials to make faces showing emotions.























