Blackshaw Moor CofE First School

Weekly Newsletter

Learning together, rooted in God

19th - 23rd October 2026

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A Note From Mrs Crawforth

Welcome back to school after half term. I know the weather wasn't very good, but I hope you all had the chance to enjoy spending time with the children and building up energy stores ready for this next very busy term leading up to Christmas. Most of the activities happening this half term are listed in the 'Upcoming Events' box below but we may add new dates if anything comes up, so please do keep checking for changes.

Although we don't want to think at all about snow, we have had it in November before so I just want to let you all know our procedure. In the event of snow coming overnight or during the day, we will notify you through Arbor, both email and the App, if school needs to be closed. It is quite a difficult decision to make early in the morning as we can't see the roads clearly and not much traffic will have cleared the snow. The aim is to inform you by 7.30am and we will try our best to do this if we have internet or a phone signal. If we notify of a closure during the school day, please make sure you get to school as quickly as possible, as staff also have to get home safely and the roads do soon close around here. Thank you.



What's New

Theme school dinner for November

On Thursday 19th November, it will be the monthly themed dinner. The theme this month is Taste, Travel, Together to enjoy delicious dishes inspired by countries around the world (no passport needed!). The menu will be American Hot Dog in a Roll, Mexican Five Bean and Lentil Chilli, Seasoned Wedges or Fragrant Rice, Roasted Carrot Batons and Caribbean Coconut Cookie. If your child normally has a home packed lunch but would like a dinner, they can just order on the day in their classroom. If your child normally has a school dinner, this will be ordered as a main meal. The other usual options will still be available.

Bags2School

Just a last reminder that this is tomorrow (Wednesday 4th) and bags need to be brought in on arrival in the morning. Thank you.

Diwali Day

On Tuesday 10th November, the children will be learning about the Hindu festival of light which is called Diwali. They will learn about some of the ways Hindus celebrate this festival and why.

Children In Need

This takes place on Friday 20th November and children can come dressed in spots, stripes or anything Pudsey Bear in return for a £1 donation (or more if you wish to donate more). Children will find out about the charity and why they raise money. If children are doing PE and forest school, they need to bring their PE kits or forest school clothes to change in to if their outfits are not appropriate.

Non-uniform days

For those of you who don't know, when we have a summer fayre or Christmas fayre, we have non-uniform days in return for donations for prizes etc. These days have been added to the dates box below so please make a note of them and the donations that are needed. The Christmas fayre is run by the children for the children, and parents and family members don't attend. Children will be able to buy tokens beforehand that they will use on the games so that they don't need cash. More information to follow.

This Week's Highlight

Forest School will be for year 2, year 4 and Busy Bees this term - year 3 need to come in PE kits on Friday.

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Awards of the Week

Stars of the week:

Mrs Gordon: Darcey G
Mrs Shaw:
Mrs Worrall: Phoebe T
Busy Bees: Freddie W
Mrs Picken: Charlotte G, Phoebe T, Mabel W
Mrs Corden:

Forest School award - Victor A

Values:
Courage: Tiffany G
Friendship:
Respect: Rosie G, Amelia B

Golden Table: Amelia B, Henry G, Macie A & Ella H and they have chosen Mollie T, Edward H, Tiffany G & Samantha G.

Clean plate: Edie L
Team Points: Tittesworth Tigers

Hero Certificates: Victor A, Jack C, Poppy D, Isla D, Elliot T, Bethany W, Arhtur P, Mabel W, Ernie B

Reading Tree 100:

Heroes of Change challenges: Jack C, Amelia B, Arthur P, Ava T, Delta A, Esmae B, Gracie W, Macie A, Tommy M, Aubree F, Ella H, Isla D, Nathaniel C, Samantha G.

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

Wed 4th Nov	Bags2Schools collection
Tues 10th Nov	Diwali Day
Thur 19th Nov	Non-uniform for new toys for prizes
Fri 20th Nov	Children in Need
Thur 26th Nov	Non-uniform for donations of chocolate
Tues 1st Dec	Christmas Carol Service at St Matthew's Church 10am - all welcome
Wed 2nd Dec	Busy Bees Nativity 9.30am and 2.00pm
Thur 3rd Dec	Non-uniform for smaller bran tub toys
Tues 8th Dec	Clever Cats Nativity 1.30pm and 6.00pm
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

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Construction club

Children did junk modelling to make what they wanted (and quite a mess as well!!)









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Forest School

This week, children in Wise Owls made poppies ready for Remembrance Day, Clever Cats made a Gruffalo with forest school materials and Busy Bees made Gruffalo Granny's Stew.























