Blackshaw Moor CofE First School

Weekly Newsletter

Learning together, rooted in God

9th - 13th November 2026

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A Note From Mrs Crawforth

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal, this is always greatly appreciated by The Royal British Legion as every little helps and we did have a quite heavy collection box this time. The children have been taught about why we have the Poppy Appeal and on Wednesday we will be taking part in the silence at 11am.

Just to let you all know, on Friday, Mrs Garnett is having an operation on her hand and will be off work until Christmas. Mrs Frost will be covering some of her hours but is unable to cover them all due to family commitments. Please bear with us if the office is not fully manned on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please try both buttons on the entry intercom if you don't get a reply from number one. Please leave a message on the answerphone if no reply and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Thank you for your understanding with this.



What's New

Children in Need - this Friday

Apologies, last week's newsletter said that this is on the 20th, however, it is this Friday (13th). Children can come in spots, stripes or anything Pudsey Bear in return for a monetary donation.

Water bottles

You may have heard that the children are no longer taking their water bottles into the hall at lunchtime. We were having issues with children being distracted by their bottles, playing with them, banging them on the tables and 2 bottles even got married one day! Children are now being given water in a cup with their lunch as we used to do prior to the Covid pandemic. Children will still have access to their bottles during the day. The children only have 30 minutes to eat and we were finding that many hadn't finished because of messing about.

PTFA wreath making

There are still some places left for the wreath making evenings on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd December with a 7.30pm start. This is a brilliant event as everyone gets to learn how to make a wreath and will be supported to produce a lovely wreath for their front door. The cost is £30 which includes the finished wreath, a drink and festive snacks. If you would like to book a place, please speak to the office.

Year of Reading

A massive thank you to everyone who donated books to the Book Drive over October. We have collected so many books and are now sorting them into age groups and preparing to distribute them to children who don't have any books at home. Thanks so much for your support, it will really make a difference. See the photo below of the books collected.

We are celebrating books in November with Non Fiction November. Check your child's bag for information on the fun fact finding mission! Happy researching. All completed missions will be entered into a prize draw where one lucky winner from each class will win a beautiful non fiction book.

This Week's Highlight

Children in Need is this Friday (13th) see above for details

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Awards of the Week

Stars of the week:

Mrs Gordon: Esmae B
Mrs Shaw:
Mrs Worrall: Edward H
Busy Bees: Poppy D
Mrs Picken: Arthur P
Mrs Corden:

Forest School award -

Values:
Courage:
Friendship: Jack C, Dax M
Respect: Rosie G, Freddie H, Freddie W, Estelle HJ, Charlie A

Golden Table: Estelle HJ, Esmae B, Roman K, Darcey G & Libby S and they have chosen Ava T, Aubree F, Charlie A, Beatrice B & April N.

Clean plate: Henry G
Team Points: Leek Legends

Hero Certificates: Arthur P

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

Tues 10th Nov	Diwali Day
Fri 20th Nov	Children in Need
Thur 19th Nov	Non-uniform for new toys for prizes
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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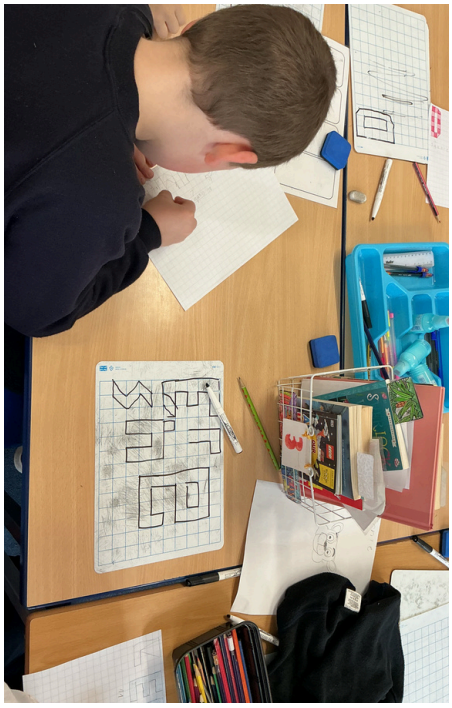
Wise Owls maths learning

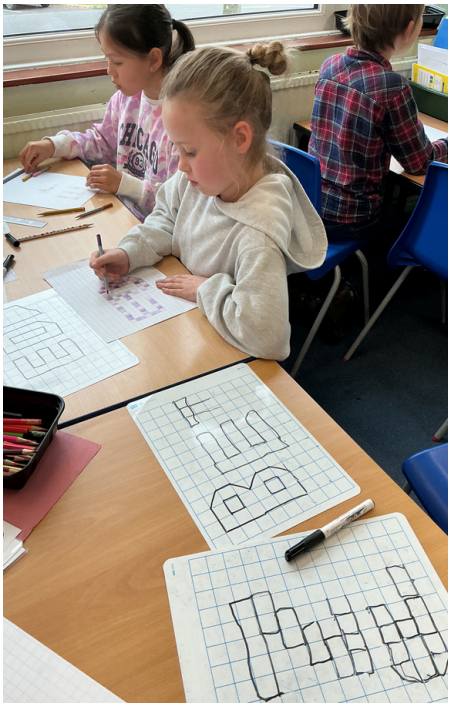
Wise Owls have been learning about area this week in maths and were set the challenge of finding the area of their names.

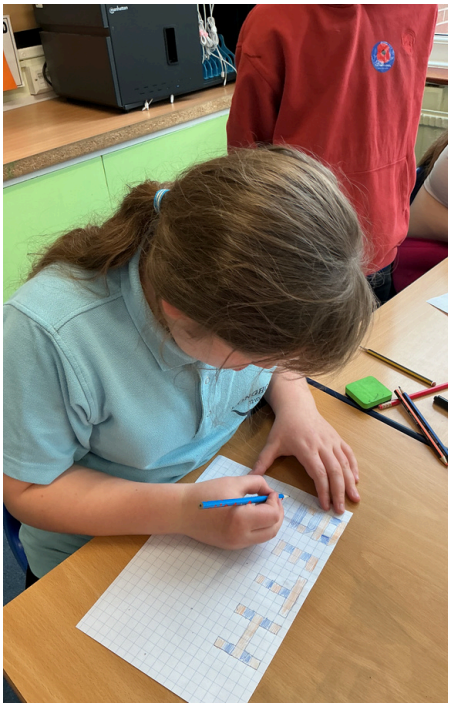


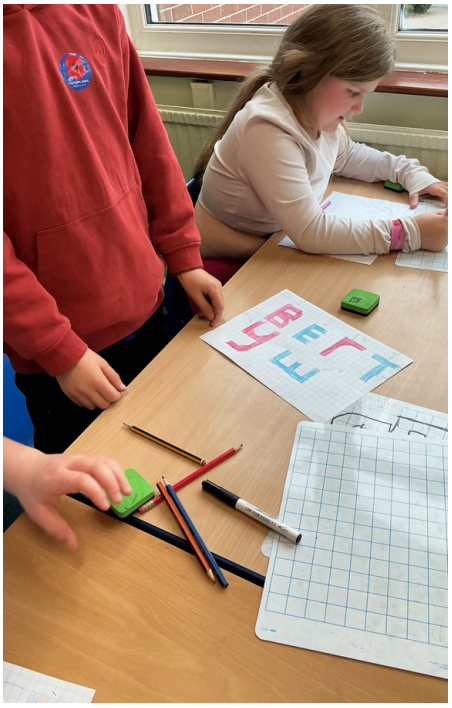












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Book Drive

The school librarians showing some of the books we have had donated.



Cookery Club

This week the children were starting making Christmas cakes and also made smores







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Forest School

This week, children in Wise Owls and Clever Cats made poppies by weaving wool through sticks and Busy Bees made poppy pictures with leaves.











