

Autumn Term

Week 9

1st November 2019

NEWS



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back everybody. I hope the children and yourselves have quickly grown accustomed to our new layout of the school. I have noticed a very positive response from the children: they are very engrossed in their learning and the environments (especially our EYFS building) are looking fabulous and really support the children.

**Halloween party:**

Our Nursery and Reception children had a wonderful time celebrating Halloween. They dressed up, played games and made some amazing pumpkin soup, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

**Reading:**

Reading is a very important skill and here at Blisland, we want children to have a love of books and notice the skills in reading. Reading at home little and often can make a big difference to children's progress. We are checking reading diaries so we can give children rewards for their efforts in reading. The children will get a raffle ticket every 10 reads so that they have a chance to win a book token. Please look out for their yellow books and note down as much as possible about how they are doing with their reading at home.

**Poppy Appeal:**

We are selling poppies and other poppy appeal items (key rings, bracelets etc) in the school office. Poppies available for a donation; bands and other items for a minimum of £1.00.

**Children in Need:**

Children in need is on Friday 15th November. The school council have agreed that we would like to dress in either spots or pyjamas. They have also asked that we bring in donations in the form of unwanted change. We will also be decorating and selling biscuits with a spots theme.

Best wishes, Matt Avery (Head of School)

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**Family holidays and days out**

Please do not book family holidays in term time. The school now has a policy of enforcing this very strictly, in accordance with government rules. If this is done without consultation with the school, you could be fined for unauthorised absence.

**Attendance**

Whole school: 93.1% so far this term. It is very important that children are at school as often as possible as it will give them the best chance to learn with consistent input. We really need attendance to be above 96% to have the best impact on your children's learning. Reminder we are unable to authorise the majority of absences and persistent absence could result in fines.

### **Breakfast Club and After School Child Care Club**

Breakfast Club is available every day (From 8am) and After School Club on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to 4.15pm. Please ensure that you book this [the week before you need it](#). All information regarding these clubs is on the school website.

If your child is attending breakfast club please ensure that they are in school by 8.15am if they wish to have a breakfast as we are unable to provide breakfast after this time.

Please be aware that any cancellations must be given at least 48 hours in advance or unfortunately we will have to charge for the full session due to arranging staffing and purchasing food for these clubs.

This is due to ensuring staff costs are covered. Thanks for your understanding. In addition to this, please could we ask that you collect your child at the agreed time.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

*Please also be aware that if you require the hour from 4.15pm to 5.15pm on a Tuesday (for example, after a club) you will need to pay the full hour charge at £8.00 per child.*

***Charges remain the same this year for clubs— £2.50 per session Breakfast Club or £2.25 per child (sibling discount), after school club is £5.00 until 4.15pm.***

### **Afterschool Clubs**

If you have any hidden sporting or creative talents, we would desperately like you help in running some addition after school clubs. We have surfing being arranged for the summer term and others in the pipe-line.

This term there will be Netball and football club will run until 4.30pm due to light fading starting on the 14th November 2019.

### **Confirmed clubs:**

**Thursday: Football and Netball Key Stage 2: 3.30-4.30 (Key Stage 1 Summer Term)**

**Friday: Dance at 3.15pm**

### **Kensa Class Learning Characters**

Please ask your children about the Learning Characters in Kensa Class!

Teamwork Turtle

Persevering Penguin

Work it out Worm

Have a go Hippo

Check it and change it Chimp

### **Reminder**

Please check out the new parent portal on Arbor for you to update both your personal details and consent forms. Most parents have completed this but there are still a couple that are outstanding.

### **Forms**

Please can you ensure that any forms that are returned to school are given to Mrs Hawker in the school office and not to the class teacher or teaching assistant, many thanks for your co-operation.

## DIARY DATES

Tuesday	5th November	Caterlink Bonfire Day Menu	12pm
Friday	15th November	Children in Need	All day
Monday	25th November	Hearing Tests—Year 1	
Monday	2nd December	Key Stage One trip to Lanhydrock House	
Friday	13th December	School Christmas Play at the Church	6pm
Wednesday	18th December	Caterlink Christmas Lunch	12pm
Monday	23rd December	Christmas Holidays	
Monday	6th January	First day back after the Christmas Holidays	
Thursday	16th January	Census Day	
Thursday	16th January	Caterlink Census Day menu	12pm
Thursday	5th March	Caterlink St Pirans Day menu	12pm
Thursday	21st May	Census Day	
Thursday	21st may	Caterlink Census Day menu	12pm

### School Times

Please ensure that your children arrive at school for registration between 8.45am and 9am and are collected at 3.15pm unless they are registered at an after school club.

**School doors open at 8.45am unless your child is booked into Breakfast Club.**

All children in the Infant class must be brought into the classroom in the mornings, even if they are late. Children of this age must never be dropped at the gate on their own. Please walk up the steps and bring them into school.

**Please be aware that due to allergies, we are now a strawberry free school. Please do not send any strawberries in for your children for any reason.**

Please be aware if you have ordered a school meal for your child and they go home because of illness after 10.30am, this will have to be paid for. This is because the food preparation will already have started.

### Inset Days 2019-20

**Monday 24th February 2020**

**Friday 5th June 2020**

**Thursday 23rd July 2020**