

HOMEWORK: Keeping it simple for everyone

All KS1 and KS2 children should read every night and practice their times tables and spellings at least three times per week. Occasionally there may be a project set, e.g. for World Book Week.

Children will have a log in and password for TT Rock Stars (times tables), Numbots (KS1) and Spelling Shed.

If you have any problems with passwords please let us know.

If you wish to challenge your children further with writing, the most helpful way is to encourage the building of sentences using their current spellings.



Classes:

CLOVER	Year 5/6	Mrs Batey
FIG	Year 4/5	Mrs Geraghty
WILLOW	Year 3/4	Mrs Fernandez
IVY	Year 1/2	Mrs Newbury Mrs Briscoe & Mrs Brown
OLIVE	Reception/Y1	Mrs Holt

Governing Body:

Chair: Mr James Parman
Mrs Curtis, Mr Briscoe, Mr Lloyd,, Mrs Thornalley, Mr Verran, Mrs Newbury, Mr Rollett, Mrs George, Mrs Addleshaw & Mr Duke

TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM:

Please follow us on Twitter and Instagram for regular updates on the children's learning: Twitter and Instagram: **@BcL2U**. You are very welcome to join us.

If you wish to discuss any concerns you have about your child's education, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We try to return any call or email as soon as we can.

Mr Duke



Blyton cum Laughton Church of England

Primary School

Newsletter: 6.11.23 BcL Christian value: **COURAGE**



Biblical Quote: 'Be strong and courageous for the Lord will be with you wherever you go.' Joshue 1:9

"More like a school that happens to be in a library." Author, Shane Hegarty

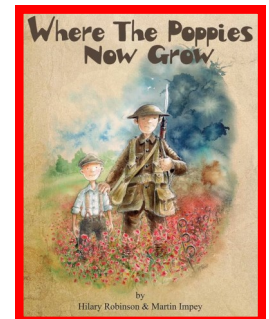
Hello everyone—

It has been an extremely busy start to the school year and with the trick or treating finished and Bonfire Night behind us we are rapidly moving towards the festive season. Before then though we have Remembrance Day, and our school community will be remembering those who have given their lives for our country this coming Friday. You are welcome to join us at Laughton cemetery for 10.30 and Blyton at 11.15 for a reading of Where the Poppies Now Grow.

We will let you know if weather impacts on the venues.

We will also be praying for the children around the world who are courageous yet innocent victims of the numerous conflicts that are filling our news. Never has there been a more appropriate time for us to come together and compassionately reflect and think of others.

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Our BcL Mission Statement:

To be **HAPPY** - To be **CARING** - To **ACHIEVE**
HAPPY - CARING - ACHIEVING
Caring for our school...caring for each other

Our BcL Vision:

At Blyton cum Laughton Church of England Primary School, our Christian Vision aspires for all members of the school family to 'be happy, to care and to achieve' by:

- being a figure of faith, following in the footsteps of Christ through communication, prayer and friendship
- **taking the lead to be the best trusted version of ourselves**
- **being courageous when faced with or exploring challenge and adversity**
- **being thankful for our innovative and imaginative problem solving**
- **Being compassionate and caring global citizens**
- **providing hope through our creations**

Our BcL Aims:

At BcL, we aim to encourage everyone in our school community:

- to be respectful, tolerant and walk in the light of Christ
- **to take ownership of their actions, excel as individuals and have a positive impact as citizens in the 21st century**
- **to explore and be inquisitive, showing a thirst for learning**
- **to persevere, be resilient learners, to find solutions and have high aspirations for the future**
- **to show compassion, empathy and care for others**
- **to be creative**

APRIL

Mon 15th April: Training Day & **Tues 16th Apr:** Term 5 starts

Mon 22nd & Wed 24th Apr: PARENTS EVENING

MAY (KS1 & KS2 SATS take place this month)

Mon 13th -16th May: **KS2 SATS**

Fri 24th May: Term 5 ends

JUNE (Y6 Residential)

Mon 3rd June: Term 6 starts & BCL500 Words

Mon 17th—Thurs 20th June: Y5 Bikeability

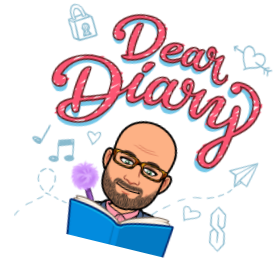
Tues 18th June: KS1 Sports Day

Wed 19th June: New intake parents event

Wed 26th June: KS2 Sports Day

Thurs 22nd June: New Intake Parents Eve

Fri 28th June: Parents/carers informed of new classes for 2024/25



JULY

Tues 2nd July : BcL500 Words Celebration Evening (Blyton Church)

Mon 8th July: Move-up Day & New Olive children visit

Fri 12th July: Reports to Parents/Carers

Fri 19th July: 1.30 Leaver's Celebration & End of academic year

INITIAL DIARY DATES for 2023/24:

NOVEMBER

Mon 6th Nov - Thurs 9th Nov: 3.30-6.30 PARENTS EVENING

Tues 7th Nov—Author Matt Goodfellow visiting Y5 and Y6

Wed 8th Nov—Author/Artist Ben Rothery Zooming with Willow

Fri 10th Nov: REMEMBRANCE 10.30 Laughton & 11.15 Blyton (families invited)

Fri 17th Nov: Children in Need

Thurs 23rd Nov: Fig trip to Perlethorpe (Victorian link)

DECEMBER

w/b Mon 4th Dec: BcL CHRISTMAS INDUSTRY WEEK

Fri 8th Dec—Sam's Safaris visiting KS1

Mon 11th Dec: 1.30 OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS MARKET (Blyton)

TBC w/b 11th Dec: KS1 Nativity performances

Mon 18th Dec: Christmas Lunch and at 2pm Christmas Book and a Bite (families)

Wed 20th Dec: 1.30 Christmas Service at Blyton church & Term 2 ends

JANUARY 2024

Wed 3rd Jan: Term 3 starts for children

Mon 8th Jan: YOUNG VOICES

Thurs 18th Jan: 9.30—11.00 Maths, Mug and a Munch at both sites

FEBRUARY

Fri 9th Feb: End of Term 3_ **Mon 19th Feb:** Term 4 starts

MARCH

Thurs 7th Mar: WORLD BOOK DAY incl. event for families at 2pm (content tbc)

Mon 18th & Wed 20th Mar: Puberty Talk for Y5/6

Thurs 28th Mar: 2.00 EASTER SERVICE at Blyton church & Term 4 ends

Our BcL Christian Values:

Friendship

'Make your light shine so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:16

Trust

'I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye.' Psalm 32:8

Courage

'Be strong and courageous for the Lord will be with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1:9

Thankfulness

'He has made everything beautiful in his time.' Ecclesiastes 3:11

Compassion

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.' Ephesians 4:32

Hope

'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.' Genesis 1:1

CELEBRATION WORSHIP:

We hand out certificates from the categories below in Celebration Worship most weeks of the year: **3.10 at Laughton (Thurs)** and **2.45 at Blyton (Fri)**.

SHINING LIGHT (our Figure of Faith) - linked to our Christian Value of Friendship

CARER—linked to our Christian Value of Compassion

LEADER—linked to our Christian Value of Trust

CREATOR—linked to our Christian Value of Hope

INNOVATOR—linked to our Christian Value of Thankfulness

EXPLORER—linked to our Christian Value of Courage

Peace
Be with you



Children may also earn our BcL Values badges throughout the year too for displaying our values. These will be nominated by adults and children.

HARVEST FESTIVAL:

Thank you for all the super donations received this year for our Harvest Festival. We were delighted that we could make our usual donations to local foodbanks. This year we also asked for donations of fresh produce to donate to people within our Blyton-cum-Laughton community. Your generosity was hugely appreciated and we were able to donate two lovely hampers of fresh produce to local families.



It was wonderful to welcome our KS1 families into our Harvest celebrations at Laughton church, led by Reverend Briscoe. We were very proud of all of our children, some of whom were visiting the church for the first time.

This term we are planning to organise a Christmas competition so keep your eyes peeled for details coming soon!

By Mrs Brown and the KS1 Caring for the Church Group



HOMEWORK:

We recognise the time pressures our families face, which is why we limit our homework to reading everyday, TTRockStars/Numbots and Spelling Shed. Please try to support your child with these expectations in readiness for secondary school.

BCL ATTENDANCE 2023/24:

We continue to monitor attendance figures. The lower class attendances are influenced by families whose children are persistent absentees and/or take term-time holidays.

Below is the table reminding you how absence impacts on a child's education. Children attending less than 75% are also at risk of severe absenteeism (attending less than 50%).

At BcL, children attending less than 90% of the time do not achieve close to the standard of their peers who are attending 95%+.

	Year so far
REC/YR 1	94.1%
YEAR 1/2	96.9%
YEAR 3/4	92.6%
YEAR 4/5	96.7%
YEAR 5/6	93.1%
TOTAL	94.8%

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days Absent	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent Weeks Absent
95%	9 Days	18 Sessions	2 Weeks
90%	19 Days	38 Sessions	4 Weeks
85%	29 Days	58 Sessions	6 Weeks
80%	38 Days	72 Sessions	8 Weeks

WILLOW CLASS

Mrs Fernandez remains off school at this time. We all wish her well and look forward to seeing her back soon.

During her absence, Mrs Batey will continue to teach maths to the children and I will cover Clover class for English. Mrs Wright and I will teach English in Willow, Mrs Briscoe RE and I will also teach subjects including science, geography and PSHE.

We are determined that the children in Willow receive the high quality teaching they deserve and we're delighted with the progress the children are making this term and their adaptability; they have been a joy to teach.

Due to the circumstances, I am teaching for at least 4 days per week at the Blyton site so please be patient if you are contacting me. I will aim to return any call or email as soon as possible.

PARENTS EVENINGS

I am, along with all our teachers, looking forward to meeting parents and carers during the parent's evenings this week. I'll be meeting Willow families during Mrs Fernandez's absence.

Please be aware that appointment times are restricted to 5 minutes. If you wish to speak to the teachers about aspects of your child's education which may take longer, then please speak to the teacher to arrange a separate appointment.

Clover parents: Mrs Batey has 8 meetings straight away on Monday—please be patient—she will do her best to keep to time but she will be thankful for your understanding. She will be based in the library to help limit the time taken to move around school.

POLITE REMINDERS:

SWIMMING DATES 2023/24

Willow: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November, 4th, 11th December 2023.

Clover: 15th, 22nd, 29th January, 5th, 19th, 26th February 2024.

Fig: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March, 22nd, 29th April 2024.

Year 1: 13th, 20th May, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th June 2024.

UNIFORM NAMES:

A reminder to put your child's name in every item of their uniform.

PE KIT:

The PE kit is **blue/black shorts**, **blue/white t-shirt** and trainers/plimsolls.

Football shirts are not allowed. The children in Ivy, Willow, Fig and Clover must come to school in their PE kit on PE day.

PE DAYS:

Olive (Mrs Holt) —Thursday

Ivy (Mrs Briscoe, Mrs Newbury and Mrs Brown) - Wednesday

Willow (Mrs Fernandez) - Wednesday

Fig (Mrs Geraghty) - Friday

Clover (Mrs Batey) - Friday

CLASS DOJO:

If your child is ill or off school please call the school office to inform us. If you want to contact your child's teacher about their learning or have information to share, please do so via Class Dojo. Messages sent after 8.35am will not be read by the class teacher until after 3.30. Teachers are not expected to read Dojo messages after 4.30pm.

