

## 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:

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

## Governing Body:

Chair: Mr James Parman  
Ms 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: 20.9.23

BcL Christian value: **FRIENDSHIP**



**Biblical Quote: 'Make your light shine so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven.'**

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

Hello everyone—

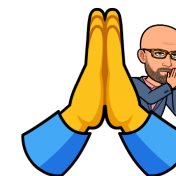
As I write, hearing the rain clatter against my office window and the spray from car tyres passing by, I'm thinking of Mrs Geraghty and the merry band of children visiting Sherwood Forest for their first trip of the year. I do hope they are wrapped up and enjoying stepping into the (muddy) footsteps of Robin Hood, Maid Marian and the Sheriff of Nottingham. They could probably do with keeping shelter inside The Great Oak to keep dry away from the challenge of the weather!

Throughout the year our children will face many challenges and I have faith that these will be overcome. Whether this be through their learning, through friendships or other areas of school life that they find difficult, there is always a friend or an adult to share those concerns and help them along the way. The biblical quote from Philippians 4:6-7 perfectly expresses those early year thoughts:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds to Christ Jesus. "

Despite suffering illness last week, I am delighted to return and see the children fully absorbed in learning and—despite the weather—there are plenty of smiles. We will continue to guard the hearts and minds of our children this year.

Mr Duke



## Blyton cum Laughton Church of England Primary School



### 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

## 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

## 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 & Y4/5 Outdoor Adventure dates tbc)

**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

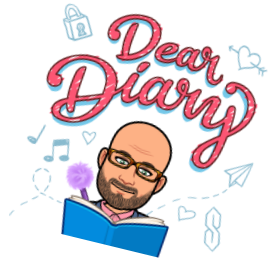
## JULY

**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:**

**SEPTEMBER**

**Wed 22nd Sept** : Author/storyteller Richard O'Neill visiting both sites and opening Hopeful Hollow outdoor area at Blyton

**Sat 23rd & 24th Sept**: No Limits Festival at Normanby Hall (school there Saturday)

**Tues 26th Sept**: Y6 Construction Day at Lincs Showground

**Fri 29th Sept**: MacMillan Coffee events (9.15-10.15 Laughton 10-11 Blyton)

**OCTOBER (Black History Month)**

**Mon 2nd Oct**: 11 schools visiting to see our Reading-Inspired Curriculum in action

**Mon 9th Oct**: BcL Curriculum in Action (postponed to a later date)

**Tues 10th Oct**: Wear green for Mental Health Day

**Wed 11th Oct**: Olive Class Stay and Play— 9.15—10 Spend some time with your child in their new learning space

**Wed 18th Oct**: 10.30 Harvest Festival at Laughton Church (for families to attend)

**Fri 20th Oct**: End of Term 1 & Flu immunisation

**Mon 30th Oct**: Term 2 starts

**Tues 31st Oct**: Clover trip to Tropical Butterfly House (Science & History link)

**NOVEMBER**

**Wed 1st Nov & Thurs 2nd Nov**: 4-5 Prospective Parents Open Evening for 2024/25

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

**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

**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

**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.'***

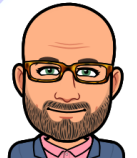
**Ephesians 4:32**

**Hope**

***'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.'***

**Genesis 1:1**

**Peace**  
*Be with you*





**NO LIMITS FESTIVAL, Normanby Hall:**

**Sat 23rd and Sun 24th September**

The wonderful Rabbit Hole bookshop in Brigg have created another **FREE** amazing weekend for book and music fans. We'll be there on the Saturday sharing learning created by our children and we do hope you can join us for the event.

**Just look at all the authors and illustrators attending!**

**REMEMBER, IT IS FREE.**

**COMPLETELY FREE to enter!**

**READING CHALLENGE Mr Duke Vs Everybody!:**

Reading drives our curriculum and to further encourage our children to pick up a book Mr Duke is again competing against every class. When a child finishes reading a book they write their name and title of the book on a post-it and add to the class jar. If any class fills the jar before Mr Duke fills his they will be rewarded with 30 minutes choosing time.



The reading challenge has worked so well over the last two year, but this time...Mr Duke aims to win!

The amazing Emma Carroll will be attending on Saturday morning. She has written two of our curriculum books: Letters from the Lighthouse and The Secrets of the Sun King.

Friend of the school, author Hannah Gold is also one of the amazing attendees.

## Saturday Schedule

MARQUEE	
CHILDREN	ADULTS
10.15am Emma Carroll	10.45am Crime Fiction Panel feat. Nell Patison, William Hussey, Kate Evans and Russ Thomas
11.30am Lisa Thompson	11.45am An Interview with Joanne Burns Author of The Hemlock Cure
1pm Hannah Gold	1pm YA Discussion with Rosie Talbot and Dawn Kurtagich
2.15pm LD Lapinski	2pm Alex Niven 3pm Sue Hubbard
3.15pm Jenny McLachlan	

WORKSHOPS	
WALLED GARDEN	
10.30am-11.30am Storytelling Drop-in Various Authors	1pm-2pm Aisha Bushby
11.45am-12.45pm Aisha Bushby Early Reader Event/Workshop Ting, the Secret Adventurer	2.15pm-3.15pm Storytelling Drop-in Various Authors

EDUCATION ROOM 1	RURAL LIFE MUSEUM
10.30am-11.30am Ben Rothery Natural World Talk and Illustration	10.30am-11.30am Anna Terreros-Martin Picture Book Event/ Workshop Can You See the Stars Tonight
11.45am-12.45pm Ben Rothery Natural World Talk and Illustration	11.45am-12.45pm Emma Reynolds Picture Book Event/Workshop Amara and the Bats
1pm-2pm Beth Walker Picture Book Event/Workshop Do Lions Hate Haircuts	1pm-2pm Christina Gabbitas Picture Book Event/ Workshop Roo and Sarge
2.15pm-3.15pm Creative Writing Author Workshop Adult & Teen	2.15pm-3.15pm Saviour Pirotta Picture Book Event/Workshop Turtle

FOLK STAGE	
11am Dez & Peter	1pm Treading Softly
12pm MAK & Co	2pm Peet Jackson
	3pm 3 P's

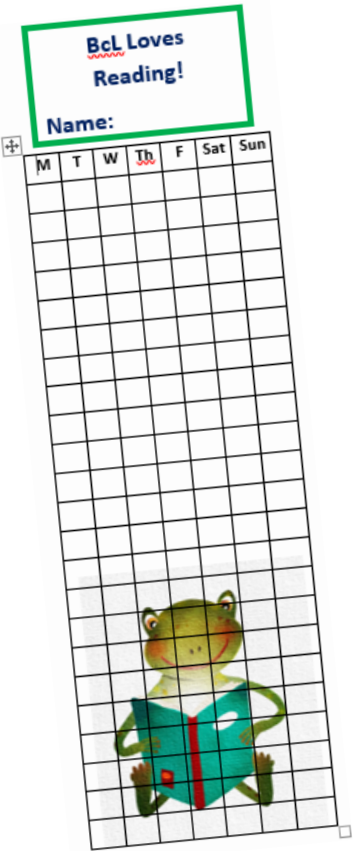
**CLASS DOJO:**

Reminder: If your child is ill or off school for another reason please call the school office to inform us.

If you want to contact your child's teacher about their learning or any other important information you need them to know please do so via Class Dojo.

Messages sent after 8.35am are unlikely to be read by the class teacher until the end of the day due to teaching commitments. Teachers are also not expected to read Dojo messages after 4.30pm so any sent during the evening may not be read until the following morning.

Class Dojo has made a huge positive difference to communication between teachers and families and we thank you for using it purposefully and with understanding.



**READING NEWS from Mrs Newbury:**

**BCL Loves Reading!**

All children have been given a bookmark with their school reading book. These are for you as their parent/carer to sign each time they share their book with you. Children will be bringing home a school reading book and also a library book of their choice to share with you at home.

**Bronze Reading Pledge:**

As a school, reading is at the heart of our curriculum and all we do. We would like to gather evidence this year that I can put forward to enable us to achieve our Bronze Reading Pledge award. I will update you soon with more information.

**Blue Peter Book Club:**

You have a chance of achieving a Blue Peter Badge—something I've always wanted! Did a story make you laugh out loud, whisk you away on a thrilling journey, or introduce you to unforgettable characters? By sharing your book reviews you could earn this book-tastic badge



Our very own Writer in Residence Bethany Walker will be there!

As will Thomas Taylor—the author of one of our curriculum books, Malamander!

## Sunday Schedule

CHILDREN	MARQUEE	ADULTS
10.15am Thomas Taylor		10.45am A solo talk with Matson Taylor
11.30am Laura Ellen Anderson		11.45am 'Book Club' Fiction Panel feat. Linda Green, Caroline Bond, Amy Beaschel, Laura Pearson and Rebecca Ryan
1pm Sue Hendra <i>Supertato from Cbeebies</i>		1.30pm YA Panel Event feat. William Hussey, Amy Beaschel and Sarah Daniels
2.15pm Jeffrey Boakye		2.30pm An Interview with Lola Jaje <i>Author of the Jhalek longlisted, The Attic Child</i>
3.15pm Bethany Walker		

### WORKSHOPS

#### WALLED GARDEN

10.30am-11.30am Alison Brown & Lorraine Cowburn <i>Picture Book/Musical Workshop Everything Possible</i>	
11.45am-12.45pm Alison Brown & Lorraine Cowburn <i>Picture Book/Musical Workshop Everything Possible</i>	
1pm-2pm Trevor Millum <i>Adult Author Event Son of the Secret Gardener</i>	

EDUCATION ROOM 1	RURAL LIFE MUSEUM
10.30am-11.30am Jenny McClachlan <i>Author Event Stink</i>	10.30am-11.30am Anna Terreros-Martin <i>Picture Book Event/Workshop Can You See the Stars Tonight</i>
11.45am-12.45pm LD Lapinski <i>Author Event Jamie</i>	11.45am-12.45pm Emma Reynolds <i>Graphic Novel Event/Workshop Draw to Save the World</i>
1pm-2pm Jeffrey Boakye <i>Author Event Musical World</i>	1pm-2pm Saviour Pirotta <i>Author Event The Nile Adventures</i>
2.15pm-3.15pm Christina Gabbittas <i>Graphic Novel No More Knives or County Lines</i>	2.15pm-3.15pm Faye Stringer <i>Picture Book Event/W...</i>

### FOLK STAGE

11am Terry Stables	1pm Scarlet
12pm Dez & Peter	2pm Jade C
	3pm Frank S

## Weekend Schedule

### HISTORIC ZONE

Come and meet the Goose Kreken Vikings in their encampment in the Historic Zone. With enactments of Viking Life including basket weaving, hand weaving and sail making. Allen Stichler local wood carver will be demonstrating his traditional craft throughout the weekend in the Historic Zone.

Taste some traditional food and drink with Cowleys Fine Foods in the Historic Zone all weekend.

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### MAIN STAGE

10am The Incredible Voice of HeNRy

SATURDAY 11am Revivalry: Stars of the Future

SUNDAY 11am Starlight Arts Drama and Makaton

12pm Show off your creative talent in our open mic session hosted by Radio Humberside Phil White

2pm The Incredible Voice of HeNRy

SATURDAY 3pm Revivalry: Stars of the Future

SUNDAY 3pm Starlight Arts Drama and Makaton

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### THEATRE ZONE

10am Dance & Crafts with Channel 5 Milkshake Presenter Amy Thompson

11.30am Professor Pumpernickel's Explosive Science Show

SATURDAY 12.15pm Rhubarb Theatre 'Book Ends' Family friendly Street Theatre Performance

SUNDAY 12.15pm Rhubarb Theatre 'Wonderland' Family Friendly Interactive Experience

1.15pm Professor Pumpernickel's Explosive Science Show

2pm Dance & Crafts with Channel 5 Milkshake Presenter Amy Thompson

3.25pm Professor Pumpernickel's Explosive Science Show

Firestorm will also be performing majorette displays throughout SUNDAY



### **CELEBRATION WORSHIP:**

We will be handing a selection of certificates from the following categories in Celebration Worship during the year: **3.10 at Laughton** on Thursday and **2.45 at Blyton** on Friday. Olive class usually join us later in the term. Celebration Worship takes place most weeks of the year.

**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

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

### **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:**

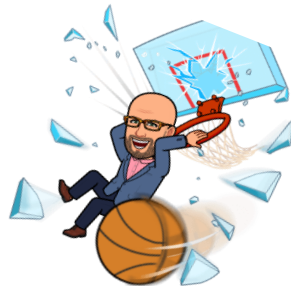
Olive (Mrs Holt) —Thursday

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

Willow (Mrs Fernandez) - Wednesday

Fig (Mrs Geraghty) - Friday

Clover (Mrs Batey) - Friday



### **Macmillan Coffee Events : Friday 29th September**

**Our annual Macmillan Coffee events will take place next week:**

**9.15 –10.15 at Laughton and 10.00 –11.00 at Blyton enabling any families who wish to visit both sites to do so. Children will remain at their own site.**

**We would be so grateful for any donations of cakes for the event and look forward to seeing you on the day.**

### **SWIMMING DATES 2023/24**

Year 2 : 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

Willow: 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Clover: 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> January, 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Fig: 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

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

### **UNIFORM NAMES:**

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

Thank you. It helps so much.