



Newsletter

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Message from Mr McCoy

This week has been another busy but brilliant week at Bleak Hill. Myself and other senior leaders have had the chance to look at children's Science books this week and we were astounded with the quality of work being produced by our children. Reverend Fran visited from St Andrews church and delivered worship on Monday, children loved discussing 'light'.

Year 6 had their first session of Debt Awareness this year, the children enjoyed learning all about the world of work. Once again, we have had a number of children represent school at sports competitions this week, upon their return, staff were ecstatic at the children's behaviour and attitude whilst out of school. Year 5 children have had the opportunity to carry out Bikeability sessions and this continues next week.

As we move into the final week of the half term, we look forward to our Friends of Bleak Hill 'Movie Nights'. EYFS and KS1 have their Movie Night on Wednesday 25th October and KS2 have their Movie Night on Thursday 26th November. This is a great opportunity for children to spend time with their classmates and peers but also in supporting school to raise money for future projects. Have a brilliant weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

Merit Award - Children who choose to follow the learning charter

	R.O.T.W	W.O.T.W	M.O.T.W	Bronze	Silver	Gold
RHE	Luca D	Lucas G	Jack T	Harry A	Isaac McK	Orla S
RHU	Jasmine H	James G	Sofia D	Noah R	George M	Jessica Cr
RR	Reuben P	Barney F	Harry D	Aaron K	Ava J	Matilda C
1A	Alfie H	Celine M	Roman G	Pippa B	Theo C	Arthur D
1CS	Billy McK	Harriet L	Zain T	Matilda N-C	Ruby W	Nancy S
1M	Leo B	Spencer D	Amalie L	Alannah P	Zach B	Miya L
2G	Esme B	Lucas McM	Max B	Harry C	Mollie B	Sienna B
2J	George M	Darcey L	Charlie G	Ellie R	Laura B	George McE
2W	Clyde W	Emily T	Alfie W	Evan W	Sienna C	Ellen H
3D	Jack G	Oliver T	Frankie C	Elise O	Nell C	Hugo L
3H	Elijah C	Amber C	Archie J	Matilda B	Saxon B	Iris J
3M	George M	Molly F	Valentin R K	Riley W	Corey R	Maddie H
4C	Phoebe A	Joel C	Leah X	Luke B	Hattie H	Alfie W
4MC	Myles B	Annie D	Eleanor C	Jude W	Charlie B	Lydia C
4MO	Maisie A	Zac G	Rosie K	Thea C	Una-Blu Q-D	Hawley A
5B	Evie N	Freddie P	Peyton R	Harriet B	Niamh P	Jacob B
5W	Enzo O'N	Jessica S	Emily D	Finley D	Elsa C	Skyler A
6D	Riley L	Joseph B	Amelia M	Joshua N	Sam B	Alice T
6W	Imogen A	Millie W	Alex D	Seren R	Abigail T	Aubree H

What's on next week

23.10.2023	Before School	During School	After School
Monday		Y2 & Y6 PE Y5 Bikeability	Judo Y3, 4, 5 & 6 - (external provider) 5of 5 Exit via main reception at 4.10pm
Tuesday		YR, Y4 & Y5 PE Y5 Bikeability	4MO Parents Evening Only
Wednesday		Y1, Y3 & Y6 PE Y5 Bikeability	FOBH EYFS/KS1 Movie Night 4MO Parents Evening Only
Thursday		Y1, Y2 & Y5 PE Y5 Bikeability	FOBH KS2 Movie Night
Friday		YR, Y3 & Y4 PE Y5 Bikeability 6D Swimming	

Friends of Bleak Hill

Friends of Bleak Hill Movie Night

Wednesday 25th October - EYFS & KS1

Thursday 26th October - KS2

The movie night will be an opportunity for your child to spend time in their class watching a movie chosen by their class. The movie night will run from the end of the school day up to 5.15pm.

Tickets for the Movie Night are £5.00 per child. Children will receive a drink and popcorn. Tickets are available via SchoolMoney until Monday 23rd October.



300 Club

The 300 Club is your chance to win ££. For just £10 per year, you have multiple chances to win all year round!

Monthly Draw £40

Christmas Draw £100 & £50

Summer Draw £100 & £50

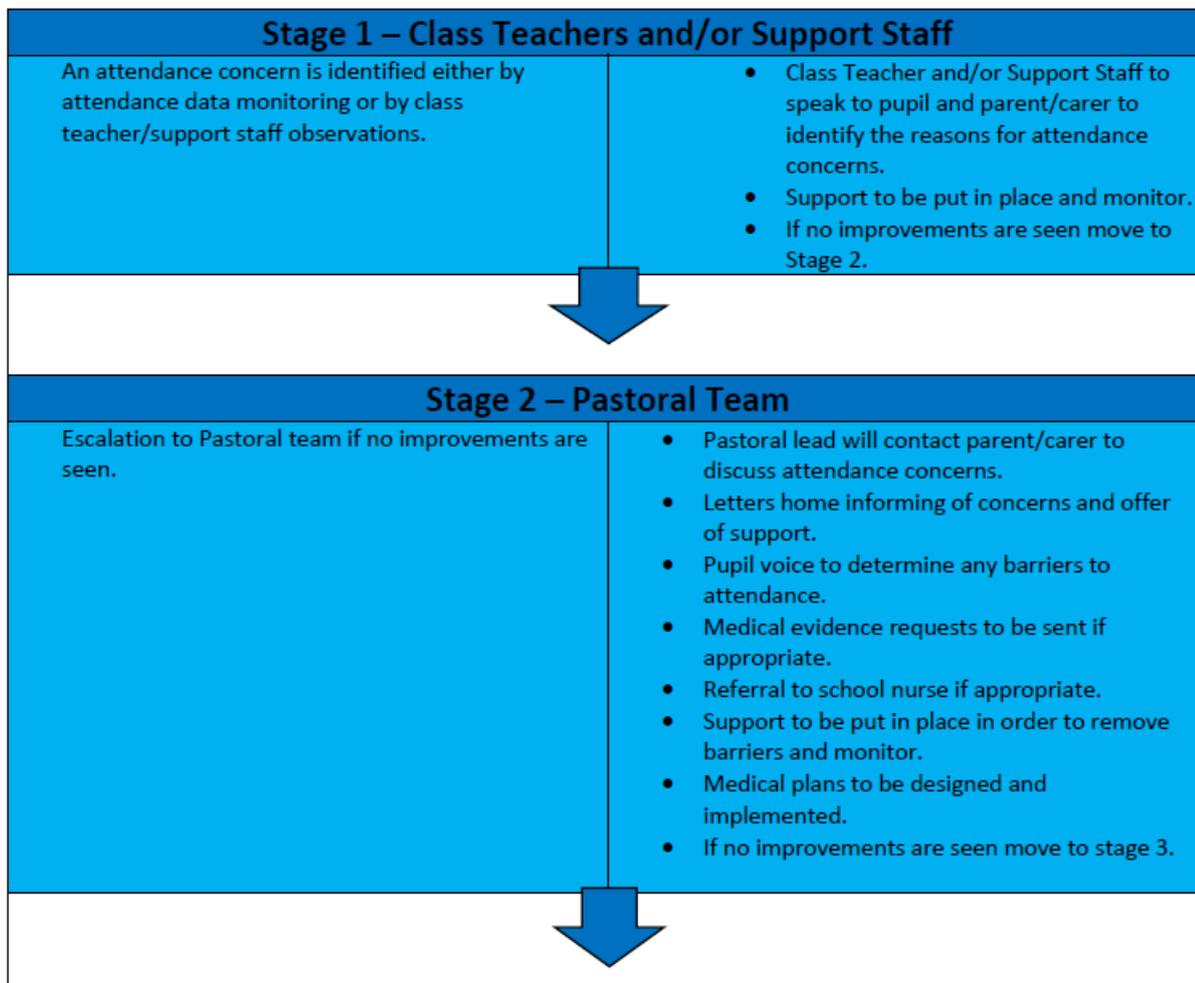
The draw takes place the first Friday of the month and the winner will be published in our newsletter. **The 1st draw is Friday 10th November.** To enter, please go to SchoolMoney and purchase your tickets in the 'Shop' section. Entries are not limited, so you can purchase on behalf of your family and friends!

The 300 Club is a valuable source of income for the school and by entering, you are helping raise much needed funds to help the school purchase vital equipment which otherwise might not be available.

Graduated Approach Stages for Attendance

In order to ensure that all attendance concerns are responded to efficiently, a graduated approach has been implemented at Bleak Hill Primary School. The following 5 stages describe how we will respond to attendance concerns.

Attendance Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attendance below 93% is considered an attendance concern• Persistent Absentee below 90% Attendance• Entrenched poor attendance significantly below 90%• Attendance below 50% with the need for external agency support• Absence patterns• Arrivals after classroom doors have closed• Lateness after the register closes• School anxiety that requires pastoral support• Family circumstances that impact on attendance



Graduated Approach Stages for Attendance

Stage 3 – Attendance Contract Meeting	
<p>Escalation to an Attendance Contract meeting if poor attendance continues and improvements are not seen.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate with parents/carers and arrange a meeting to discuss how to improve attendance. Clear expectations for improvements to be discussed and set out in an attendance contract. Home visits may occur if absence continues. Monitor and follow-up meeting to be arranged. If concerns remain, move to Stage 4.
	
Stage 4 – Senior Leadership Team	
<p>Escalation to Headteacher and/or Senior Leaders if absence persists and support is not working or not being engaged with.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review previous stages. Attendance meeting to be arranged with a member of the Senior Leadership Team where concerns will be discussed, and next steps outlined. A Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued. Monitor and follow-up meeting to be arranged. If absence persists, move to stage 5.
	
Stage 5 - Education Welfare and/or Social Care Referral	
<p>Escalation to Education Welfare and/or Social Care via TESSA in order to protect the pupils right to an education.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review previous stages. EHAT (Early Help Assessment Tool) will be considered. Possible referral via TESSA to social care and/or Education Welfare. Possible statutory intervention or prosecution.

All Day. Every Day.



Attendance Matters



Attendance	
Whole School	96.5%
Reception	96.2%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	97.6%
Year 3	95.5%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	97.4%
Year 6	93.7%



Attendance Update

We need to try really hard each and every week to make sure every year group is beating our **96% target** this will help us to succeed!

Our attendance for 9—13 Oct was:
96.5%

Our attendance for the year so far is: 97.3%

There is a new staged approach to attendance at Bleak Hill due to some changes with the local authorities processes and internal actions and guidance for school.

Please read carefully the attached documentation so that you are aware of who and how we can support families with attendance worries.

ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



1

MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



2

CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



3

CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



4

CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



5

SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



6

LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



7

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



8

LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



9

KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



10

SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.



Letter to parents and guardians from Merseyside Police re. Halloween and Bonfire Night

We are writing to all parents and guardians to ask for your help over the upcoming Halloween and Bonfire Night period.

We want everyone to have fun and we'll be working hard to keep you safe, but we need your help:

Know where your children are

- Encourage kids to go to local events that are being organised, or try a spooky film together
- If your children are going out (particularly on the 30th and 31st of October), make sure you know where they're going. If possible, drop them off and pick them up
- Don't let your children hang around the street
- If they're going somewhere local – walk there with them
- Have an agreed time when they need to be home
- Don't buy fireworks or eggs and flour for them, and don't let them take it out of the house

Know the risks

- Throwing things at cars, buses, shops and houses can hurt people – drivers might swerve if they get distracted and cause a crash, or someone might get hurt by broken glass (and scratched paintwork can be very expensive to fix)
- Getting into trouble with the police can lead to a criminal record, which means not being able to go on holiday to countries like the USA, and not being able to do certain jobs
- Messing around with fireworks is dangerous – some burn as hot as 1,200 degrees - hot enough to melt glass and cause serious or fatal injuries

Know the law

If a young person under the age of 16 commits any of the offences below, the parent/guardian will have to pay the fine.

- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined if found with an unlit firework
- A person under the age of 16 can also be arrested and fined if they throw or light a firework or make a bonfire
- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined for throwing things like eggs, flour, paint or other objects at people, vehicles or property

Thank you for your help and support. By working together, we can keep your children safe this Halloween and Bonfire Night.

Merseyside Police

Hygiene Poverty:

Many people are finding themselves in times of crisis and have limited options, leaving them caught between being able to heat their home, pay their rent, buy food or keep clean. Hygiene poverty can be shaming, humiliating and can result in social isolation. It can affect people health and mental well-being which can impact early childhood development, learning, employability and social interaction.

EVERYONE DESERVES TO FEEL CLEAN: If you would like to donate new items & support this cause we are collecting items at our school. There is no time limit this will be ongoing in order to support people within our local community who are in need. **(Please note they cannot accept used or opened products and need to be in date).** We will place a donation box in the main reception so that items can be dropped off at people's convenience and each time it is full we will have it collected by the local hygiene bank.

[The Hygiene Bank](https://thehygienebank.com/)

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What products do you collect?

The Hygiene Bank collects new, unused, in-date personal care and household cleaning essentials. The lists below are not exhaustive; our rule of thumb is, if you need them and use them, then it is likely someone else needs and uses them too. If you can't get to a convenient drop off location, you can buy on-line direct from our Common Good Community Wishlists.

For product queries, please read our FAQs listed below. For health and safety reasons, we cannot accept half used, old products. Please only donate what you would consider happily gifting a friend.



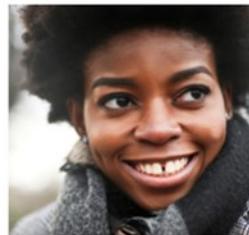
Baby / Child

Nappies & pull ups, night time pants for older children, baby wipes, barrier cream, toothpaste & toothbrush, baby wash, baby & kids shampoo, nit comb & nit shampoo, soft sponge, bath bubbles.



Teen

Shampoo & conditioner, period products, skincare, body wipes, haircare, shower gel, bubble bath, deodorant, body spray, disposable razors & shaving products, toothpaste & toothbrush, hair styling products, nail clippers, grooming products, makeup.



Adult

Period products, shampoo & conditioner, hair styling products, face wash, cleanser & creams, body wash, body lotion, deodorant, toothpaste & toothbrush, disposable razors and shaving items, nail care, make-up, perfume, gift sets, grooming products.



Household

Laundry detergent, sponges and cloths, household cleaning items, loo roll, tissues, cleaning wipes, dish tabs, washing up liquid, toilet cleaner, polish and sprays.



Our next **Roberts Recycling** collection has been arranged for

Thursday 9th November at 9am

Put all your items in a black bag or 2 then leave outside near reception

We accept the following **'good quality'** items:

- Shirts, T-shirts, vest tops
- Trousers, shorts, jeans, joggers
- Jackets, hoodies
- Bags
- Belts & Ties
- Boots, shoes, trainers
- Hats
- Gloves
- Clean/new underwear
- Skirts, Dresses
- Jewellery
- Swimwear
- Lingerie

We don't accept:

- Bath robes, socks, slippers
- Pyjamas
- Uniforms and workwear

Light Night @ St Andrews

5.30-7pm Tuesday 31st October



**Step out of the cold and dark of
this October night to enjoy
Games, Lego, Crafts, Hot Dogs,
Cake and Hot Chocolate!**

**Find out about all our events coming
up over Advent and Christmas...**