



Newsletter

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Message from Mr McCoy

It has been another brilliant week at Bleak Hill! Children have been working hard on this week's merit of showing one another respect, well done to the children who won Gold, Silver and Bronze this week.

The children are loving preparing for the upcoming Tree Lighting event, their singing is beautiful and we look forward to welcoming you to school next Friday to join us in lighting our Christmas tree.

Year 5 continued their rugby sessions with Sale Sharks and are loving gaining new skills. A group of Year 5 girls have represented school excellently at a football festival this afternoon.

Thank you to the Friends of Bleak Hill for organising our Christmas Shopping night last night. The funds FOBH raise are crucial in supporting our children at Bleak Hill. Please see the overview of our upcoming Christmas events.

Have a great weekend!

Merit Award - Children who show mutual respect

	R.O.T.W	W.O.T.W	M.O.T.W	Bronze	Silver	Gold
RHE	Jack T	Orla S	Louie G-M	Henry P	Scarlett S	Isaac H
RHU	Teddy E	Kara S	James D	Jessica Cr	Myles B	Oliver McD
RR	Aria S	Olivia H	Lincoln S	Ava J	Barney F	Hollie G
1A	Emmie H	Stan K	Zara A	Alfie H	Arthur D	Freddy R
1CS	Hannah C	Jayson B	Bobby H	Ruby W	Dexter C	Ilaria O'N
1M	Amelie L	Daniel F	Ben M	Hadassah B	Lydia A	Carter K
2G	Harry C	Harrison B	Emily A	Pippa I	Florence S	George W
2J	Sebastian B-K	Blake M	Jude D	Laura B	Charlotte J	Ellie R
2W	Clyde W	Rose B	Finley W	Isla-Rose R	Edie F	Charlie P
3D	Oliver T	Hugo L	Theo B	Gerard C	Frankie C	Charlotte L
3H	Pippa B	Matilda B	Saxon B	Olivia C	Elijah C	Robyn L
3M	Ari W	Harry Z	Maddison G	Isla McC	Maddie H	Billy B
4C	Freya A	Luke B	Nancy W	Joseph H	Lilly I	Hattie H
4MC	Jude W	Charlotte L	Camron F	Annie D	Lydia C	Evie S
4MO	Rosie K	Alex B	Maisie A	Marcie L	Frankie M	Teddy R-G
5B	Jonah H	Ella T	Damian P	Georgia W	Billy K	Poppy W
5W	George B	Emily D	Amber H	Elsa C	Enzo O'N	Dylan R
6D	Marley D	Theo F	Isaac J	Sapphira H	Evie C	Toby K
6W	Charlie B	Isabelle C	Lois T	Imogen A	Sam B	Isla C

What's on w/c 27.11.23

27.11.2023	Before School	During School	After School
Monday		Y2 & Y6 PE	Judo Y3, 4, 5 & 6 - (external provider) 4 of 4 Exit via main reception at 4.10pm
Tuesday	Football Y3 & 4 - Ian McMinn (external provider) 4 of 4 Enter via Junior Library corridor (KS2 playground)	YR, Y4 & Y5 PE	Young Voices Y5 & 6 - Mrs Burrows 4 of 4 for T1B Exit via main reception at 4.30pm
Wednesday	Dance Y1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Karen Elliott (external provider) 4 of 4 Enter via Junior Library corridor (KS2 playground)	Y1 & Y3 PE <i>Y5 Trip to Jodrell Bank</i> <i>YR Wonderdome Visitor</i>	Multisports Y1 & 2 - Future Gym (external provider) 4 of 4 Exit via main reception at 4.15pm
Thursday	Football Y5 & 6 - Ian McMinn (external provider) 4 of 4 Enter via Junior Library corridor (KS2 playground)	Y1, Y2 & Y5 PE	Gymnastics Y3, 4, 5 & 6 - Future Gym (external provider) 3 of 4 Exit via main reception at 4.20pm <i>Intake 2024 Open Evening</i>
Friday	Gymnastics YR, 1 & 2 - Future Gym (external provider) 4 of 4 Enter via Junior Library corridor (KS2 playground)	YR, Y3, Y4 & Y6 PE <i>6W Swimming</i> <i>FOBH 300 Club Draw</i> <i>Tree Lighting</i>	

Friends of Bleak Hill



Tea with Santa & Christmas Extravaganza
Wednesday 6th December 3.30pm-4.30pm
Cost £5 payable on School Money.



FOBH Christmas Bingo

Thursday 7th December 6pm-8pm
SOLD OUT



300 Club Monthly Draw

Friday 1st December
**£40 Winning Prize—Tickets available in the
 School Money Shop**

All Day. Every Day.



Attendance Matters



Attendance	
Whole School	95.9%
Reception	96.4%
Year 1	96.9%
Year 2	94.7%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	98.1%
Year 5	93.4%
Year 6	95.9%



We are starting to drop below our school attendance target and need your support in order to get us back above the 96% mark.

Please have your child in each day and on time unless they are too unwell to be in school.

We can give medication if it is prescribed by a GP and Care of the Chemist.

Either way this medication is free and we only need a form completing to administer in school.

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 13—17 Nov was:

95.9% below target

Our attendance for the year so far is: 96.7%

Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online: they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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Bleak Hill Primary Christmas Events 2023			
Date	Time	Details	Cost/Booking Information
Friday 1st December	2pm-3pm	Christmas Service Christmas carols around the tree (provided by Windle Parish Council) – Parents Welcome	
Monday 4 th December	1:15pm -3pm	Y6W Choir at Eccleston Court to sing for residents	Parents will be asked to give permission
Wednesday 6 th December	9:30am- 12:30pm 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Y4 Christmas Experience – St Andrews Church FOBH Tea with Santa & Xmas Extravaganza	
Thursday 7 th December	9am- 12pm 6pm- 8pm	Altru Christmas Performance FOBH Christmas Bingo	
Friday 8 th December	10am- 12pm	Year 5 Choir at Ruskin Lodge to sing for residents	Parents will be asked to give permission
Monday 11 th December	9:30-11:30am	Nativity Rehearsal	
Tuesday 12 th December	9:15 am 10:15am 11:15am	<u>Y2 Nativity</u> 2G Nativity (doors open 9am for prompt start at 9:15am) 2W Nativity (doors open 10am for prompt start at 10:15am) 2J Nativity (doors open 11am for prompt start at 11:15am)	Maximum of 4 people per family – no ticket required

Wednesday 13th December	All Day 11:30am -1:30pm	Non uniform with Christmas Jumper or Christmas themed outfits (Trainers will be required & Santa hats/boppers can be worn) Christmas Dinner Day Santa Dash (weather permitted)	Survey to be confirmed by 4th December
Thursday 14 th December	1pm-3pm	Y6D Choir to sing at Willowbrook	Parents will be asked to give permission
Tuesday 19 th December	All Day	EYFS & KS1 Party Day (Children to come in their party clothes)	
Wednesday 20 th December	All Day 10:30am-12:30am 2:15pm-3pm	Y3 & Y4 Party Day (Children to come in their party clothes) Y5 Choir at Henbury Court KS2 Rock Steady Concert	Parents will be asked to give permission Parents of the children in Rock Steady Concert welcome
Thursday 21 st December	All Day	Y5 & Y6 Party Day (Children to come in their party clothes)	
Friday 22 nd December	AM	FOBH Christmas Raffle	£1 Strip tickets available in class from Monday 18 th December