



Friday 11th February 2022 



Black Torrington Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents/carers

It has been a busy time in the last two weeks with a lot of exciting learning and enrichment for the children. Miss Squire has been continuing her exciting Dance lessons on a Tuesday linked to Chinese New Year and The Lantern Festival. In Craft Club, Mrs Allin has linked with these themes with fun and creative activities. Today the teachers and children have been working with an external provider 'The Voices Foundation' to implement an exciting new singing curriculum for Music.

Last week we had a fantastic online worship with Mother Elizabeth which focussed on Candlemas. We were joined by the children at Bradford and Bridgerule which was lovely. Next week we are looking forward to welcoming Reverend Skinner back on site. He will be resuming regular assemblies and next week will talk about Christian love.

We have been talking about Children's mental health week this week with a focus on Growing Together. Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'. As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. You can find out more information by following this link [Parents and Carers - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

PE Kits-please can you check that your child's PE kit does not include football tops or branded clothes. The children should have a plain white or blue PE t-shirt, plain shorts and/or jogging bottoms. PE kits also need to be in school all week please.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend
Miss Paton

Attendance

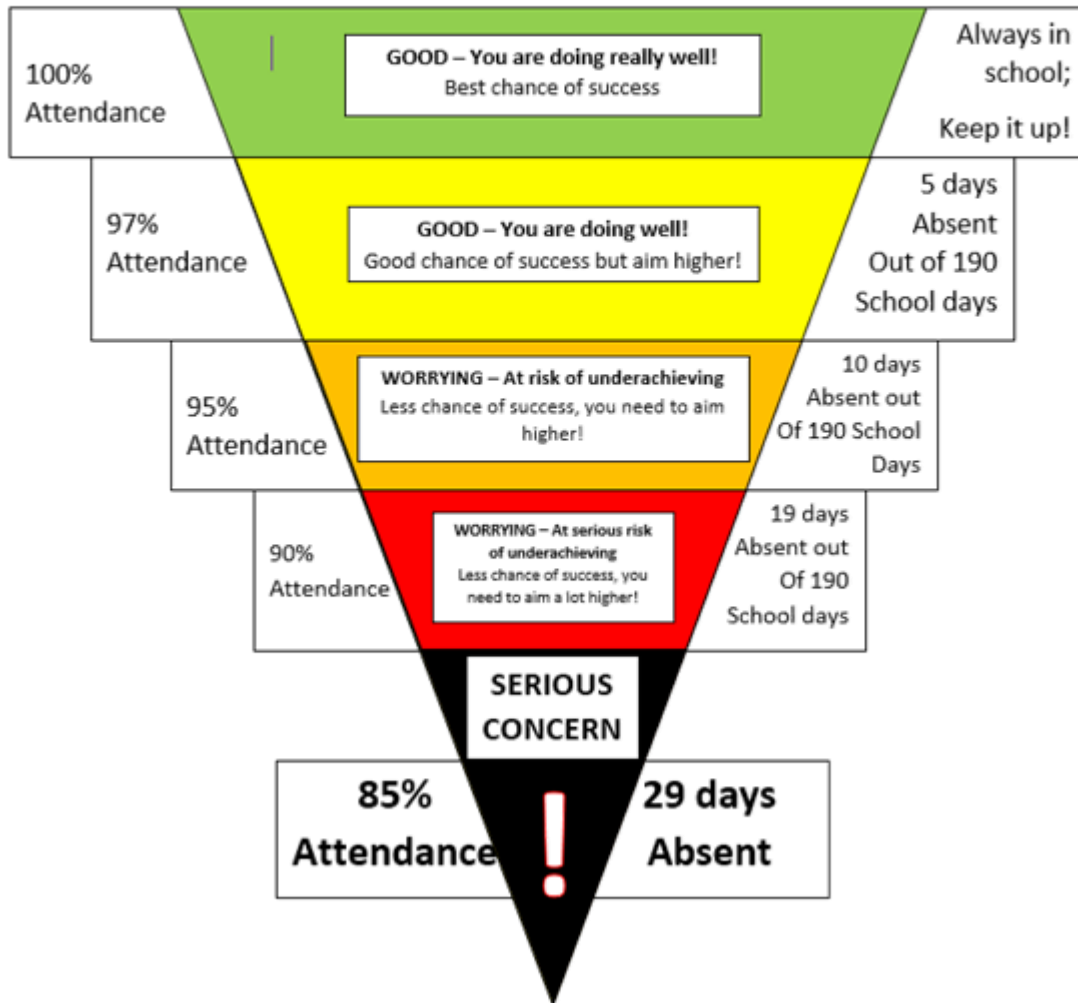
Whole school attendance this week is: 92.8%

Let's see if we can we improve on this next week!

Please remember that if you child has a mild illness like a cough or a cold which is not Covid, we are keen that they come to school. We can always phone home if needed.

ATTENDANCE CHART

Good attendance is vital for good progress at school. Every term, you should aim to go up one level on the chart or, better still, stay at the top!



Mental Health Training Opportunity

FREE LEVEL TWO TRAINING COURSES FROM THE AIM GROUP ALONGSIDE DARTMOOR MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

THE DOMINO EFFECT | ANTICIPATE THE SIGNS, BEFORE THE DECLINE

We are excited to include Black Torrington Primary School (Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust) on our brand-new **FREE** campaign **#TheDominoEffect**

It is aimed to raise awareness of the impact mental health problems are having on today's generation and provide support around neurodiversity, all without cost.

By gaining an essential understanding of these issues, we can all become better equipped to support individuals and prevent the problem from spiralling out of control.

Here's some of our most popular subjects available:

- **Adverse Childhood Experiences** (tailored to understand how separation, divorce, death, or violence in a family can influence a child's mental health)

- **Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties** (understand characteristics of ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia & Dyscalculia, importance of early diagnosis, assessment methods available to diagnose learning difficulties)
- **Understanding Autism** (learn how individuals process sensory information, understand characteristics, understand conditions, learn how speech, language and communication differ in people with Autism)
- **Understanding Behaviour That Challenges in Children** (supporting positive behaviour, effective communication & how to manage challenging behaviour)
- **Understanding Children and Young Peoples Mental Health** (Understand factors which may affect Young Peoples mental health, the impact that they have and how to support them with these issues)

We also offer some other fantastic courses around areas such as **Safeguarding and Prevent, Equality and Diversity, Business Admin, Customer Service, plus many more...**

All courses are accessed online within a **6-week window** and are completed on a laptop or computer at the learner's home. No Exams are involved, and the courses are following an online platform which you read through and answer questions with a few paragraphs per answer - **No essays**. All the information needed is provided, and available to you 24/7. Once finished **You can do as many as you like**, however you can just do one course at a time.

The only criteria the learner must meet to be eligible, is the following.

- Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2021
- Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years
- Not already on a Government funded course (Apprenticeship for example)

Each course is completely free, but the learning provider reserves the right to charge a drop out fee in the event a learner enrolls but then drops out without providing a reason.

That said, the college will grant extensions if the learner has a reason as to why they won't be able to complete it within the allocated time.

Please note: under the college request you may need to attend a short webinar that will need to be attended to ensure we get you successfully enrolled onto the correct course

If you are interested in undertaking one of these Free Online courses, then please complete the following link asap. [Black Torrington C of E Primary School Link](#)

Any questions you may have Chris Greenfield will be in touch on 0203 900 3091 once you are registered to walk you through everything and make sure you are happy.

Update from Class 2

Beware of the dragons invading our village! Fret not everyone - you are in safe hands with Class 2 because we have done some excellent persuasive writing this week to recruit the finest dragon catchers. In Maths, we have done a brilliant job at exploring fractions, including equivalent fractions, improper fractions and mixed numbers. Continuing our topic about sound, we have investigated how acousticians can change the environment to make it louder or quieter, such as in a recording studio or a football stadium.

Last week's Maths Star – Leo for his excellent fraction work

Last week's Star of the Week – Sam Yaxley for always being kind to everyone

This week's Maths Star – Mia for working hard to understand improper fractions and mixed numbers

This week's Star of the Week – Tilly for working really hard on her organisational skills

Best wishes
Mrs Drew-Hill

Update from Class 1

This week Class One have been learning about how to look after their ears. As scientists, we explored the different parts of the ear and discussed different ways of keeping them clean and protected. In Design Technology, we have been learning about frame structures this week and we had a go at making our own out of straws. The children discovered that triangles were the strongest structural shape and will be using this knowledge next week to design their own straw playground. In English, we are coming to the end of our Queen's Hat unit and the children will be getting ready to write their own stories next week. All of the children are showing a huge improvement in the quality of their writing and are getting much quicker at it too! Well done for another great week – you are all doing so well.

Last week's Maths Star – Charlie for excellent work on Elephant Maths

Last week's Star of the Week – Freddie for careful handwriting

This week's Maths Star – Freddie for his beautifully presented maths work

This week's Star of the Week – Charlie for his improved handwriting

Best wishes

Miss Wenmouth

School E-mail Address Update

To contact the school by e-mail, please use: admin@blacktorringtonprimary.org.uk. Please delete admin@blacktorrington.devon.sch.uk from your address book, as it is no longer accessible. Thank you!

Diary Dates

Monday 21st to Friday 25th February 2022 – Half Term Break

From Thursday 3rd March 2022 – Mini Police Sessions (6 weekly afternoon sessions for Years 4 to 6)

Monday 14th March 2022 - Quicksticks hockey tournament at Holsworthy College, running from 12:45-2:45pm.

From Monday 9th May 2022 – Swimming sessions (10 weekly afternoon sessions for all pupils)