



Blackminster Middle School

School Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

Odd Socks Day Monday 15th November

On Monday we are encouraging all students (and staff!) to wear odd socks to show their support for Anti-Bullying week.

INSET Day Wednesday 17th November

A reminder that school is closed to students on Wednesday 17th November for staff training.

Children in Need Day 19th November

Students are encouraged to donate a minimum of £1 (payable via ParentPay) and come in non-uniform on Friday 17th November.

Verbal abuse of staff

We know that families are under a lot of stress at present, and we also know that feelings can run high when it comes to our children. However, I do need to remind all parents and carers that school staff are here to help, we are all working hard, and verbal abuse and/or aggression towards staff is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

Social media

Recently we've had a few cases where issues on social media have been brought into school. I'd just like to remind parents and carers that the age limits for most social media (Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook etc) is 13 years of age, but for WhatsApp the limit is 16. We'd urge parents and carers to please be aware of this, and to monitor children's internet and social media use, both to ensure their safety and to reduce these sorts of problems.

I'd like to thank parents and carers once again for their support for the students and staff here at Blackminster.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L McQuone'.

Ms L McQuone

Executive Headteacher