

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Nursery



At Blackwell First School we aim to educate the whole child and to ensure children are happy, healthy and fulfil their potential in terms of development of skills for life, social and moral values and academic success.

A BIG welcome to all of our NEW Forest School friends and a BIG welcome back to our two returning Forest School friends! We are all looking forward to working with you this year. Our half termly newsletters outline key learning and information. This half term our topic is All About Me and Autumn. Our school website is also regularly updated with school news and our very own class page will be updated weekly with important Nursery news and how you can help support us with further learning at home. Please visit our class page weekly: <http://www.blackwellfirstschool.com/class-news/nursery-news>

FOREST SCHOOL

Our very own Nursery Forest School has had a tidy up and replenish over the summer and is ready for some action. We will be visiting every morning and every afternoon, introducing a new area each week. The children are coping well with the "all in one" waterproof suits. Please ensure they all have a pair of named wellies left for them in the Boot Room under the bench on the left hand side.

We have lots of exciting activities planned to get us started. This week we have had a focus on a firm favourite - the sand. Next week we will be building with the crates on the patio! ☺

WARM CLOTHES

Please could you ensure that you dress your child in clothes suitable for the weather. Please send them in daily with a jumper, fleece or coat which they can wear underneath their waterproofs. These can be left on the balcony outside our front door at drop off time.

SNACK and DRINKS

We provide a snack every morning and afternoon with a choice of four healthy snacks across the day. The cost of these snacks is 20p per session and will be added to the termly invoice alongside lunches/extra sessions. These invoices will be coming to you after the term has finished. We also have water or milk in the morning, lunchtime and afternoon. If you require milk for your child, please visit www.coolmilk.com. There is no need for any snacks or drinks to be sent in.

COLLECTION TIMES

Our Quiet Time runs from 12.30pm until 1.00pm (1.15pm for some) so we ask for collection times to coincide with this and the whole school routines, to eliminate disruptions for everyone.

Collection times for nursery are:

11.30am (no lunch), 12.00pm (with lunch), 1.40pm (for those collecting siblings too) or 3.00pm. Just let us know at the door in the morning if different from what you have booked.

Breakfast and After School club is also available from 7.30-8.30am and 3.00pm-6.00pm respectively. Please speak to the school office if you are interested in these.

CIRCLE TIME

Every day, indoors, the children will take part in several circle time sessions.

Our focus during these sessions are:

Speaking and Listening

Good listening is:

- *Looking at the person who is talking
- *Listening to ALL the words
- *Staying quiet
- *Sitting still



Mathematics

- *Use number names in counting rhymes, songs and stories.
- * Develop basic counting skills
- * Sorting objects in our environment by colour, shape and size

Communication and Language

- *Listening to and retelling stories
- *A weekly nursery rhyme
- *Phonics

Write Dance and Dough Dance

- *Develop fine motor control through music, movement and mark making sessions

HAPPY TO CHAT

We are always happy to chat to you either when you drop off or collect with any questions you have about your little one.

We have a Whole School Open evening for current families 6-7.30pm on 25th September 2019 so you can come and chat about how your little one has settled into school life.

Later in the Autumn term, we share your child's progress through our Parent Consultation evenings. This year, these are to be held on 19th, 20th, 21st November 2019.

Best wishes Mrs Mander, Mrs Allen, Mrs Franklin, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Barrett and Mrs Flynn.