

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 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 topics are '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: <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, mud kitchen and gully here we come. ☺

WARM CLOTHES

Please could you ensure that you dress your child in clothes suitable for the weather. Unless we have a repeat performance of the summer heatwave, please could you ensure you send them in with a fleece or coat daily which they can wear underneath their waterproofs. These can either be left on their peg or on the balcony outside our front door.

SNACK and DRINKS

We provide a fruit snack every morning and afternoon with a choice of two or three fruits. The cost of these snacks is 20p and these will be added up at the end of the term. These will appear on the termly invoice alongside lunches and any extra sessions attended which are not covered by 15/30 hours. We also have water or milk in the morning, lunchtime and afternoon in cups and cartons and so there is no need for any water bottles 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.

After School club is also available from 3.00pm until 6.00pm on request which is run by Mrs Moran. Please speak to the school office if you are interested in this.

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 26th September 2018 so you can come and chat about how your little one has settled into Nursery life.

Later in the Autumn term, we share your child's progress through their termly report and a Parent Consultation evening.

Best wishes Mrs Mander, Mrs Allen, Mrs Franklin, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Broome.