

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Nursery



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We hope you all had a lovely half term break. It was such a long half term and the children did so well in settling into routines of their new nursery life. The next half term is by far the most exciting with the approach of Christmas! This half term our topics are: Remembrance, Special Festivals around the World and Winter/Christmas. A date for your diary ~ Thursday 20th December 2018 at 2.30pm ~ this will be our Nursery Coffee Afternoon where the children will perform (hopefully!) some of the things they have been learning so far. ☺

CLOTHING

With the Winter weather heading our way soon, please ensure you send your child into nursery in suitable warm clothing. They need a named coat, a warm hat and a bag left on their peg with a change of clothes. We have used a large supply of spare clothes on children last half term which haven't been returned. Please can you check if you have any (they have SCHOOL written on the label). If you want your child to wear boot socks when outdoors, then please send them in with them to put on in the morning in the cabin instead of their slippers. Please can you also check and ensure their boots in the Boot Room are big enough to allow for this extra width. ☺

START TIME

A reminder that the nursery doors open at 8.30am every day. If possible, please try to aim for this time daily as arrivals after this time mean buzzers ringing in a very busy office, a loud buzzer ringing in the nursery and possible disruption to the classes who have begun their learning at 8.20am in the new part of the school. Between 8.30 and 8.50am is the only opportunity the children have to access an indoor play and for all of the adults to settle some still 'wobbly' children.

INVOICES

These will come out to you once the whole term has finished. With so many changes to children's days, pick up times and additional days, it is always easier to wait for the term to finish so the invoice is accurate for any lunches, fruit snacks and additional hours that you have used (beyond the universal/additional claimed through County Council).

HAPPY TO CHAT

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

Parent Consultation appointment letters will come out next week and need to be returned by Friday 16th November so a time to suit can be allocated. During this appointment, we will share your child's termly report.

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

CIRCLE TIMES

Our four daily Circle Times are up and running as our transitions in/out of Forest School are getting quicker.

Speaking and Listening

We move on to a new listening rule this half term ~ "Staying Quiet". We will be playing lots of games where the children need to stay quiet to ensure ALL children can access/enjoy the game. This is usually difficult for the children who are confident and articulate as these are the ones that always have something to say. ☺

Mathematics

The numbers 1-5 have been introduced and we have only just begun playing with them. Being able to read, count and collect them is only part of the process; we still need to split them, compare them e.g. more/less, spot them in other ways e.g. actions and most importantly see them in real life. The importance of keeping low in number is so important in these Early Years to ensure children gain a sound and solid understanding to apply later through their school life.

Alongside number we will be continuing with other Shape and Space work looking at size, pattern and positional language.

Communication and Language

We use a weekly Nursery Rhyme as a warm up for this session and we play with it e.g. change the words, act it out, change the character in the rhyme. We then have our Phonics focus which is the start of their reading journey. By the end of this term we will have covered Environmental Sounds, Instrumental Sounds and a firm favourite - Body Percussion.

Write Dance and Dough Dance

During this circle time we alternate between a Write Dance session and a Dough Disco session. Write Dance uses music and movement to introduce handwriting to children. Our session begins with a song/dance using big arm movements and then using the same song, we mark make in different media. Dough Disco is exercise for the arms, wrists, hands and fingers to improve fine muscle control needed for handwriting. We use familiar and popular disco music which the children really enjoy. ☺

Following a few requests, we hope this helps give you an idea of what exciting things are taking place indoors alongside our outdoor Forest School fun!