

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School - Nursery



Welcome Back to the second part of our Spring Term. We hope you had a lovely half term. Thank you for helping us celebrate World Book Day on Thursday - the children enjoyed bringing in their favourite stories and in the end we managed to share fourteen of them! Phew!

Mmmmmmmmmmm Meal Times

We are using our knives and forks really well in the correct hands and enjoying chatting with our friends whilst eating Mrs Barker's lovely lunches.

Look out for our paper copies of the newsletter with great photos of us with excellent table manners....

QUIET TIME

As the majority of children with us in the Nursery will be starting school this September, we will be starting to change the way our Quiet Time is run. This will help support their transition into Reception whilst still ensuring they have some quality "time out" halfway through their busy day.

LOST PROPERTY

We now have a growing collection of gloves, hats and scarfs that the children are bringing in and leaving behind. As we have Forest School fleece lined and waterproof gloves, the children do not need to bring their own gloves in. Could you either encourage the children to put them into their coat pockets before entering the nursery OR place in their book bag on arrival. During the final week of the term, we will place all Lost Property items out on the balcony for you to reclaim your items on drop off/pick up.

MILK

When you sign up to Cool Milk online, please be aware of which days of the week you have requested milk. If you have added days in which your child attends since requesting it online, you will need to login and amend so we can ensure they get milk every day.

TIME to CHAT

If there is anything you wish to speak to any of us about, then please do catch us at drop off or pick up. It is always busy at 8.30am when the doors open, so if you need to chat, aim for a slightly later time.

We have Parent Consultation times in a few weeks too. Please can you ensure slips with the time requests are returned.

Many thanks,
Mrs Mander, Mrs Allen, Mrs Franklin and our newest member Mrs Lewis (Nanny to George)!

TOPIC

This half term our topic is Spring and what a fun week to begin it with this final hit of winter!

In Forest School we are planning on planting and growing our very own herbs so we can use them in our recipes in the Mud Kitchen. When the weather warms up a little, and the snow/ice disappears, the gully and water play will be a focus for our "Play and Explore sessions" too.

Indoors, we will be learning through Circle Time games.

This term there will continue to be a mix of:

- Speaking and Listening Games; following our four listening rules,
- Mathematics; counting objects and sounds using concrete apparatus for support
- Communication and Language; understanding and asking questions
- Phonics; alliteration, tongue twisters
- Handwriting; developing gross and fine motor skills through music, dance and mark making.

SNACK

When you receive your invoice for last half term (Jan-Feb) you will notice the cost of snack has been added to this. This is 20p for a morning session and 20p for an afternoon session. We have snack after Quiet Time at 1.00pm so any children leaving at 1.40pm will have been given a snack and drink before being collected.

DROP OFF TIMES

Blackwell Nursery opens its doors at 8.20am for those children who attend Breakfast Club and 8.30am for the rest of the children. If you are planning on sending in your child with a sibling, please aim to arrive at school for 8.25am - registration is open for the main school from 8.20am-8.30am and so they will not be recorded late.