

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School - Nursery



Welcome back to the final half term before our summer break! We hope you all enjoyed that sunshine during half term, it is certainly very welcome here in Nursery. How disappointing that we had to cancel the Sports Afternoon due to that awful rain! However, we now have a new date - Friday 20th July at 2pm. Please note this is different to the rest of the school's Sports Day. We hope to see you all there - see the photographs below for a taster!

Photographs appear on the paper copy but not online for data protection reasons.



SUMMER FAYRE

Our school Summer Fair is on Saturday 30th June 2018. Please do come along and support us with this event as we are already planning a piece of art for you to buy!

QUIET TIME

Our quiet time is vital. Please could you ensure that children are not collected between 12.30 and 1.00 as the buzzer on the side gate is VERY loud in the nursery. This will help to support us with this calmer period which takes place both indoors and outdoors now. Earlier collection times are 11.30am (before lunch), 12.00 (after lunch) or 1.40pm. These times tie in with routines for us and the rest of the school.

EYs AWARD MARK

Monday 4th June was a significant days for Early Years as we received the Early Years Quality Mark. This mark represents an external validation and acknowledgement of the good provision, practice and progress in Early Years and is recognised by Ofsted. The inspection included an audit of teaching and learning in Early Years, learning walks and interviews with parents and key members of staff and scrutiny of data, pupils' books and school documents. The inspector said that the children were engaged, confident, worked with sustained concentration and demonstrated good manners. Thank you to all who helped us and well done!

TIME to CHAT Please do come and chat to any of us at the start or end of our school day with any queries, questions you may have. ☺
Many thanks, Mrs Mander, Mrs Allen, Mrs Franklin, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Cain.

GROWING UP

One of our topics this term is "Growth" and we will be looking at lifecycles of bugs and animals. This leads us nicely into talking to the children about their own Growth and the transition into Reception for most of our children this September.

We will be encouraging the children to:

- Ensure they walk themselves through school and into the nursery and are not carried
- Carrying their own things e.g. show and tell, bags, hats, coats
- Taking off their own shoes and putting them on the balcony shoe rack
- Saying goodbye quickly at the door
- Putting on their own shoes at the end of the day (we know they can do this as they do when we explore out of Nursery!)

We really would appreciate your help with this as we are hoping the transition into Reception is the smoothest it has ever been.

INVOICES

A quick reminder that invoices for this current Summer term will be coming out in the last week of term and will be for the whole term.

STORY CLUB

This will begin on Thursday 21st June 2018 for those children who will be attending Blackwell Reception. If your child attends on this day, you just need to send them into nursery as usual and we will ensure they get there on time! ☺