

# 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 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/index.php/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 and a huge thank you for sending them all in with their wellies. We will keep them safe and let you know if there are any holes or changes in shoe size! We have lots of exciting activities planned to get us started. Last week Mrs Allen opened up the sand and this week, the mud - be prepared to get those nail brushes out! ☺

### 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 gross and fine motor control through music, movement and mark making sessions

### COMMUNICATION

What a strange time it is for you to begin school life - gone are those opportunities to come in, play and settle your little one into Nursery life. We miss that opportunity as much as you to chat at drop-off and pickup times.

It is key for Nursery age children that the parent communication continues as best as it can and so our initial aim is to provide:

- half-termly newsletters
- weekly website and parentapp updates of what we have been learning about every week
- additional parentapp updates for you to use at home as a talking point with your little one
- email communication

### COLLECTION TIMES

Drop off and collections will always happen in the front playground. Once the children all begin full time (week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> September), our collection times are as follows:

- 11.30am (no lunch),
- 12.00pm (with lunch),
- 1.40pm (for those collecting siblings too)
- 3.10pm (Nursery/Red class children without sibling/s)
- 3.15pm (Nursery/Red class children with sibling/s).

We will all get into a routine of the different collection times on different days but please do let us know at drop off if there is any change from "the usual".

*Breakfast and After School club is also available from 7.15-8.30am and 3.00pm-6.00pm respectively. Please speak to the school office if you are interested in these.*

### SNACK and DRINKS

We provide a snack every morning and afternoon with a choice of 4-6 healthy snacks across the day. The cost of these snacks is 20p per session and will be added to the termly invoice alongside lunches and extra sessions not covered by your free hours. These invoices will be coming to you after the whole term has finished. We also have water or milk in the morning and water at lunchtime and in the afternoon. There is no need for any snacks or drinks to be sent in, just an empty water bottle for the thirsty children amongst you. ☺

Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

**Best wishes Mrs Mander, Mrs Allen, Mrs Franklin, Miss Bailey (am) and Miss Checkley (pm)**