

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 few 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 weekly: <http://www.blackwellfirstschool.com/index.php/news/nursery-news>

FOREST SCHOOL

Our 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. This week we opened up a few areas and introduced our boundaries using orange rope and red hands. 😊

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 pick-up times.

It is key for Nursery age children that the parent communication continues 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 and
- email communication.

Last minute messages can be given to Mrs Moss on the gate!

COLLECTION TIMES

Drop off and collections will always happen in the front playground. Collection times are as follows:

- 11.30am (no lunch),
- 12.00pm (with lunch),
- 1.40pm (for those collecting siblings too)
- 3.10pm (end of the day)

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 to "the usual". Please bear with us as we settle into timings for each child too.

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.

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 Disco

- *Develop gross and fine motor control through music, movement and mark making sessions

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. 😊

Please do get in touch if you have any questions, worries or concerns.

Best wishes Mrs Mander, Mrs Allen, Mrs Franklin, Miss Turner (am) and Mrs Hampton (pm)