

# 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 September Forest School friends and a BIG hello to our Forest School friends joining us a little later in the term! 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 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 we opened up a few areas and introduced our boundaries using orange rope and red hands. 😊

### QUIET TIME

Our Quiet Time runs from 12.30pm until 1.30pm. After a busy morning outside and a hot lunch, the children are ready for it. The children all have their own sleeping mat and blanket. All children will lie down from 12.30pm-1.00pm and listen to a story CD or calming music. Some will drop off to sleep, whereas others will just spend the time listening and relaxing.

Please send in a toy or comforter for this time in their bags to make this special for them.

There is a distinct difference (improvement) in the afternoon with regards to their listening and attention when children have had this "time out".

### COLLECTION TIMES

Collection times for nursery are:  
11.30am (no lunch), 12.00pm (with lunch), 1.40pm (for those collecting siblings too) or 3.10pm.  
*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 30p per session and will be added to the termly invoice alongside lunches. Extra sessions not covered by your free hours. We also have water/milk in the morning and water at lunchtime and in the afternoon.

### 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

- \* Develop basic counting strategies e.g. subitising, recognising arrangements, count using 1:1 correspondence
- \* Apply this through rhymes, songs, stories and solve real world problems
- \* Explore and talk about shape and pattern
- \* Understand positional language and use to discuss, describe familiar routes and locations

#### Communication and Language

- \*Listen to and explore stories
- \*A daily topic based Show and Tell
- \*Phonics

#### Write Dance and Dough Disco

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

### HAPPY TO CHAT

We are always happy to chat with any questions you have about your little one. This is best done at pick up rather than drop off time. Mornings can be busy with lots of children to get in and settled and so a quick morning message is ideal here. For those children who attend After School Club regularly, emails will be the ideal form of communication.

We have a Whole School Open evening for current families 6-7pm on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 so you can come in and have a wander around the whole school. Later in the Autumn term, we share your child's progress through a Parent Consultation followed by a termly report.

Best wishes, Mrs Mander, Mrs Allen, Mrs Franklin