

# NEWSLETTER

## for Blackwell First School - Nursery



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!! We hope you all had a good, if not a little strange, Christmas. I hope you enjoyed the online version of the Early Years Nativity show. We all thought they did such a wonderful job, I am sure you would agree - to sit still and participate for that amount of time is hard work for a three or four year old. As always a BIG thank you for all your cards, gifts and kind words from all the staff. ☺

### LAST TERM'S LEARNING



How lovely it was to have some of our old Nursery friends return to us to share stories they have made during club time...

### INVOICES

The nursery invoices for the Autumn Term (September-December 2021) will be coming out in the next few weeks. This will be made up of lunches, two daily snacks and any extra sessions attended outside your allocated universal/additional hours. These invoices **do not** include any Breakfast and After School club sessions attended as these are run by and raised separately by Mrs Moran/Mrs Edney. If there are any queries about these bills, please do come and see me as I have all the relevant registers and totals in the nursery.

### FINE MOTOR

During the Autumn term, our focus was the use of the "tripod" grip when holding **any** writing tool. Most children have mastered this now and we will continue to work individually with the children who continue to find this tricky. During the Spring term we move on to holding and using a knife and fork during lunchtime. Please do support us at home by encouraging children to use these tools by cutting their own food (where appropriate) during mealtimes. This helps them when they enter **BIG** school in September if we can get this skill in place.

### COMMUNICATION

Please do continue to email in with any questions to the nursery@ email address. During this time, it is the safest way for us to make the link between home and school until life returns to some normality and we can chat face to face again. Please do check the weekly website and parentapp blog on a Friday as this will give you a taster of what we have been doing every week and give you ways that you can support at home.

### TOPIC

This half term our first topic is **Circus** alongside the rest of the school. We have some fun craft activities planned and circus skills to teach you. We will be putting it all together for a big outdoors circus show in the final week. We then move on to the topic of Winter where we will be looking for signs of Winter and exploring the Nick Butterworth story, *One Snowy Night*.

### INDOORS - Cabin

We will be moving on with our learning indoors too with our daily circle times - music, phonics, listening, maths, C&L. Our morning Write Dance will continue but we will be adding in the mark making element - be prepared for some colourful hands. Our Dough Disco after lunch still needs some song choices! Please talk to your little one about a favourite "disco" song that will get us moving so we can make a dough routine with it.

### OUTDOORS - Forest School

We will be continuing to enjoy our "Play and Explore" in our Forest School even when the weather is cold. Please can you ensure your child comes in daily with:

- . a bag with spare clothes in;
- . suitable layers of clothing (double up on everything!) and
- . a warm hat.

We do not need scarves as we have fleece lined waterproof "all in ones" and we do not need gloves as we have fleece lined waterproof gloves. We will place these items in their bag or coat pockets for home time.

Kind regards Mrs Mander, Mrs Allen, Mrs Franklin, Miss Turner (am), Mrs Hampton (pm) and Miss Herlihy (student teacher)