

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Nursery



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We hope you all had a lovely half term break. It was such a long half term and the children did so well in settling into routines of their new nursery life. The next half term is by far the most exciting with the approach of Christmas! This half term our topics are: Remembrance, Blackwell Bear and Winter/Christmas. A date for your diary ~ Friday 20th December 2019 at 2.30pm. This is our Nursery Coffee Afternoon where the children will put on their own Christmas show of their learning so far.

With a Priority Area on the School Development Plan (SDP) being to develop reading, see below how we enjoy our outdoor stories. Our new Quiet Area on the balcony is available for children to access during Outdoor Provision every day. ☺

Photographs are available on the parentapp version...

Reading on the Patio

Reading in our Story Area

Reading in our new Quiet Area

PARENT CONSULTATION

Parent Consultation Evenings are on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th September 2019. Your allocated time slips have been coming out this week with the children. A copy of the times will also be displayed on the cabin window or just ask. I am looking forward to chatting to you all about your little ones now we have all had the opportunity to get to know them a lot more.

INVOICES

The invoices for the Autumn Term 2019 will be raised once the whole term is completed and so will be coming out to you in January 2020. With so many changes to the children's days, pick up times and additional days we have learnt this is the easiest way. This invoice will be for any lunches attended, fruit/vegetable snacks (two per day) and any additional hours attended that aren't covered by your "claimed" hours.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Hold fire on buying those Christmas cards as we have been busy little elves already and have all created personal Christmas cards for you to purchase for family and friends. An example of a card and order form will be coming out to you this week.

HAPPY TO CHAT

All of the team are more than happy to chat when you drop off or collect with any queries/questions you may have. Please do come and speak to us. ☺

Mrs Mander, Mrs Allen, Mrs Franklin, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Barrett and Mrs Flynn.

INDOOR CIRCLE TIMES

Speaking and Listening

We move on to a new listening rule this half term ~ "Sitting Still". We will be playing lots of games where the children need to be still both on the carpet and on a chair for short periods of time whilst there are lots of things to distract them - bubbles, tickling stick, instruments. This is always a difficult one for children so young!

Mathematics

We keep our numbers low in the Nursery to ensure children gain a sound understanding to apply later through school life. Although we do talk/sing a lot about numbers to 10, we focus initially on numbers 1-5. Being able to read, count and collect them is only part of the process; we still need to split them, compare them e.g. more/less, spot them in other ways e.g. actions and most importantly see them in real life.

Communication and Language

We use a weekly Nursery Rhyme and have fun with it e.g. change the words, act it out, change the character in the rhyme. We also have a Phonics session which is the start out their reading journey. By the end of this term we will have covered Environmental Sounds and Instrumental Sounds.

Write Dance and Dough Dance

We are now managing to fit in both a Write Dance and Dough Disco session every day. Write Dance uses music and movement to introduce handwriting to children. Our session begins with a song/dance using big arm movements and then using the same song, we mark make in different media. Dough Disco is exercise for the arms, wrists, hands and fingers to improve fine muscle control needed for handwriting. We use familiar and popular disco music which the children choose and really enjoy. ☺