

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School - Nursery



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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 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.

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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 named wellies. We have lots of exciting activities planned to get us started. This week we have opened up a few areas and introduced our boundaries using orange ropes, red hands and lines of cones. ☺

PARENT CONSULTATION

The children all need a little time to settle in to new routines and learn the expectations of school life. We will notice the change happening throughout September, both at school and at home. Don't be worried if they are still struggling to come away from you after a few weeks - this is completely normal. Thank you to those of you supporting with a slower transition for the children that need it - mornings only can be exhausting for them. Once the children have all settled and know us a little more, we will have an opportunity to meet up for a Parent Consultation at the end of September to share how they are getting on.

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 in the afternoon with regards to their listening and attention when children have had this "time out".

HAPPY TO CHAT

We are always happy to chat with any questions, concerns, worries 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, email will be the ideal form of communication. Please email in to nursery@blackwell.worcs.sch.uk

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 familiar arrangements e.g. dice, numicon
- * Apply these 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
- *Little Wandle Foundation Phonics

Write Dance and Dough Disco

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

COLLECTION TIMES

Collection times for nursery are:

11.30am (no lunch), 12.00pm (with lunch), 1.40pm (end of school curriculum day for those with siblings) or 3.05 pm. Breakfast and After School club is also available from 7.15-8.20am, 3.00-4.30pm and 4.30pm-6.00pm. Please speak to the school office if you are interested in these.