

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 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. Parentapp is our main form of daily/weekly communication – please ensure you check regularly for updates and our end of the week summary about how you can help support us at home.

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 play ideas in each area every week. The children are coping well with the “all in one” red and blue waterproof suits and a huge thank you for sending them all in with their named wellies. We have lots of exciting activities planned in the next few weeks once all the children are settled. This week we have introduced our boundaries using orange ropes.



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.

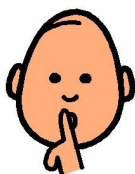
Please speak to the school office if you are interested in these.

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 we get to them a little more, we will have an opportunity to meet up for a Parent Consultation on Wednesday 8th October throughout the whole day to chat about how they are settling in.

QUIET TIME

Our Quiet Time runs from 12.30pm. After a busy morning outside and a hot lunch, the children are ready for it. The children all have their own resting mat and blanket. All children will lie down from 12.30pm-1.00pm and listen to some relaxing music. Some will drop off to sleep, whereas others will just spend the time listening and relaxing. There is a **distinct** difference in the afternoon with regards their listening and attention when children have had this “time out”.



CIRCLE TIMES

Once we are settled in to our new nursery routines, we will begin our circle time sessions. Every day, the children will take part in several circle time sessions. Our focus during these sessions will be:



Listening Games

Communication and Language

- * Listen to and explore stories
- * Time to Talk
- * Little Wandle Foundation Phonics (Blue team only)

Mathematics

- * Develop number awareness through rhymes, songs, stories and real world problems
- * Explore and talk about shape, pattern and positional language

Gross and Fine Motor skills through music, movement and mark making sessions

TIME to CHAT

We are always available to chat at the end of the day with any questions, concerns or worries (however small) you have about your little one. For those after school children who we do not see so much, please do use the nursery@ email address.

Kind regards

Mrs Mander, Mrs Allen, Mrs Franklin, Mrs Brown, Mrs Cooper and Miss Andersen (teacher training student)