

# NEWSLETTER

## for Blackwell First School - Nursery



Welcome back—we hope you all enjoyed some fun family time together over half term. We have returned to some warmer temperatures—a welcome relief compared to our return after Christmas! Please see below photos from our Special Places topic. We enjoyed planting our “houses” in soil to see which team could grow the tallest front garden



### MRS BROWN and MISS ANDERSEN

We will miss both Mrs Brown and Miss Andersen this half term. Mrs Brown will be having surgery and Miss Andersen is on her alternate teaching placement. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Kuriger back to Nursery to help support us for a short time as life in school will continue to look and feel the same for the children with all their other familiar adults. Please use the adult photoboard sent home in the last week to help support them with other adult names.

We wish Mrs Brown a speedy recovery and Miss Andersen good luck and we hope to see them both in the final week to celebrate our Easter events.

### INDEPENDENCE

With Physical Development being one of the three Prime Areas for our curriculum, we work hard to ensure children are as independent as possible when it comes to self-care. Please support us as at home by:

- \*allowing them time to put on their own coat and shoes (zips too for Blue team!)
- \*once toilet trained, teach them the importance of staying clean by wiping effectively.
- \*ensure they are able to use the soap properly when washing their hands by ensuring they aren't just washing the soap straight away.

### 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, Mrs McDermott

### TOPIC

This half term our topics are Lifecycles and Easter.

#### Lifecycles

In our lifecycles topic, we will be learning about frogs, butterflies and our own lifecycle. Our Communication and Language (C&L) sessions have well chosen stories to help the children understand how different lifecycles work. We make links throughout with talk of our own lifecycle. **To help support us, please could you email in a baby photograph to the nursery@ email address?** We use these photographs during our story sessions as a talking point and they become part of our favourite photo display!

On Friday 20th March, the whole school will have an end of topic celebration—nursery too! Nursery doors will be open after school for you to come along and take a look at all of our lifecycle learning.

#### Easter

We then enjoy a short Easter topic. We will be creating our own Easter cards and enjoying an Easter storynight (with an outdoor egg hunt!). **For the Blue team, we will be sharing some Spring/Easter songs with you during our Singing on the Steps event on Wednesday 25th March at 8.45am. For the Red team, we will be inviting you in for an Easter Stay and Play outdoor session on Wednesday 25th March at 2pm.**

#### OUTDOORS – Forest School

As part of our topics, Mrs Allen and Mrs McDermott have some fun Forest School activities planned. You will create a rockpool for frogs to live in, watch the butterfly lifecycle develop with our own caterpillars and enjoy some “crafting” with Mrs Franklin and Mrs Cooper as you create your own lifecycle plate.

During our final week of term, we always enjoy a “fire” week. Our Easter fire will be a special one as we will be enjoying melting chocolate buttons.