

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School - Nursery



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. Did you enjoy the Early Years Nativity show? We all thought they did such a wonderful job. I am sure you would agree - to perform in front of all those adult faces at the age they are is a huge thing. A BIG thank you for all your cards, gifts and most importantly kind words. From all the staff. ☺



As part of our book celebration day, we had a visit from Goldilocks. The children were so cross at her stealing our snack, knocking our chairs over and at Quiet Time, sleeping in Hugo's bed! We had to send her out!

INVOICES

The nursery invoices for the Autumn Term (September-December 2024) will be coming out in the next week. 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 raised separately.

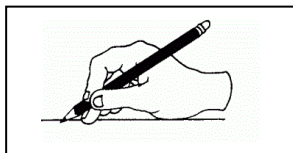
If there are any queries about these bills, please do come and see Mrs Mander as all the relevant registers and totals are kept in the nursery.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

The tummy bugs in December wiped lots of us out. Just a reminder that any episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea mean children must remain absent from school for 48 hours following the last bout of either. Please help support us with this to keep us all germ free in the coming cold months!

FINE MOTOR

During the Autumn term, our focus was the use of the correct grip when holding **any** writing tool. Most have 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 recognising their own name (in particular the capital letter at the start) and our pattern work. You can support at home by continuing to correct any whole hand grips, ensuring the grip is a "tripod" grip (see picture).



TOPIC

This half term our first topic is Winter. We will be spotting and talking about the signs of Winter. Mrs Allen is looking forward to sharing some of her favourite stories and Mrs Franklin is looking forward to her Winter art activities in the afternoon. We then move on to the topic of Special Places where we will be talking about home, school and our village. **Can we ask for a photograph of the front of your home or your front door to be sent in to the nursery@ email address ready for map display if you're happy to share this!**

INDOORS - Cabin

We will be moving on with our learning indoors too with our daily circle times - 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 popular Dough Disco at the end of the day will continue with some new song choices for those that haven't chosen yet.

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!)
- . a warm hat and gloves (wearing on arrival is always best!)

COMMUNICATION

Please do come and chat to us if you have any questions, queries or concerns about your little one. For those after school children, email in to the nursery@ email address. 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. We have our termly "Parent Consultation" towards the end of this Spring term.

Mrs Mander, Mrs Allen, Mrs Franklin and Mrs Kuriger x