



NEWSLETTER

13th September 2019

Head of School Message

Is it just me or does it feel like we have never been away? The children have really settled in to school and we have been welcoming all our new starters in Reception and Nursery. Next week we have our parent's forums. These are a super opportunity to meet the teacher and to find out what your child is doing this term. In Year 3 we are handing out a questionnaire to parents to fill in whilst in the meeting. This is about an exciting project we are launching to involve parents in a maths project in order to help their child in this transition year. I hope as many parents as possible take part in this important work.



Jackie Williams
Head of School

Many of our children have their education compromised by holidays in term time. Before you make that decision please bear in mind these two points. Firstly, there is the message it can give to young children; if it is ok to miss school to go on holiday, it may also be acceptable in other circumstances. Secondly, parents should give a clear and consistent message of the importance of formal education from an early age. You will be subject to fines for removing your children for holidays.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to this week's stars, we are very proud of you.
NURSERY: All children for a great first week
RECEPTION: All children for a great first week
YEAR 1: Holly Magee-Higgins
YEAR 2: Alfie Crinson
YEAR 3: Blossom Nash
YEAR 4: Zach Snell
YEAR 5: Mia Fitzpatrick
YEAR 6: Holly Ford
Mrs Williams: Hannah Gore

TERRIFIC TIMEKEEPERS

Can we remind Parents/Carers that doors open at 8.25am ready for lessons to start at 8.30am. There is a big focus in Knowsley on pupils arriving late to school, this will be closely monitored both by school and Knowsley School Attendance Service. Please ensure your child is on time. Thank you



IMPORTANT

Please remember to return your child's medical forms, annual consent forms etc back into school.

SALVATION ARMY

Please remember to return your Salvation Army clothes bags back into school by Monday ready for collection.

NOTICE

If children are not collected at the normal pick up time of 2.30pm, they will go into afterschool which is charged as follow:
2.30-3pm = £3
2.30-3.30pm = £5
2.30- anything after 3.30pm = £10
Teachers have other commitments after the end of the school day.

YEAR	% ATTENDANCE W/C 2/9/19
REC	
Y1	93.3%
Y2	97.5%
Y3	96.4%
Y4	100%
Y5	96.0%
Y6	96.2%
TOTAL	96.6%
YEAR TO DATE	96.6%

ROALD DAHL DAY

Today is National Roald Dahl day. Did you know if Roald Dahl was alive today he'd be the ripe old age of 102, much older than grandpa Joe (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory) who was ninety six and a half. The children enjoyed a Road Dahl themed lesson..



WHAT DO I DO OUTSIDE SCHOOL?

Wow, will you look at this! What an opportunity. Louie West from reception and Isabella west from Y2. They were Liverpool Mascots!!



FOCUS OF THE WEEK – ATTENDANCE

At Blacklow Brow we value excellent attendance and punctuality as it is extremely important for the learning and well being of a child. Children who attend school regularly and arrive on time are more secure and better able to learn. Not attending regularly or arriving late has a negative impact on their learning, self esteem, confidence and also their friendships. As parents/carers, you have a responsibility to ensure that your child attends school and we want to support you in this.

Important Notice

If your child is absent for 5 or more days , you must provide medical evidence, such as a dated appointment card, prescription or Doctors note. Without medical evidence your child's absence will not be authorised. Unauthorised absence can lead to a Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority which is £120 per child per parent. Parents sometimes think that fines are only for taking your child out of school for holidays, but you can also be fined for persistent absence.

REMINDER REQUESTS FOR HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Changes to the Education Attendance Regulations 2013 have meant that there is no legal entitlement for parents to take their children on holiday during term time. The regulations also make it clear that Headteachers may not authorise leave during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances, which does not include holidays. Absences are monitored by Knowsley Council who ensure parents adhere to the legislation and fines have recently been increased to £120 per child per parent.

UNDERSTANDING ATTENDANCE

As you can see from the table (below), if your child were to be absent 1 week per term, this would equate to 4 weeks off per year . This would have a significant impact on their learning.

PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE	WHAT THAT MEANS IN WEEKS OFF PER TERM	WHAT THAT MEANS IN WEEKS OFF PER YEAR
95%	4 days	2 weeks
90%	1 week	4 weeks
80%	2 weeks and 4 days	8 weeks
70%	4 weeks and 1 day	12 weeks
60%	5 weeks and 3 days	16 weeks
50%	7 weeks	20 weeks
40%	8 weeks and 2 days	24 weeks
30%	9 weeks and 1 day	28 weeks

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16TH SEPTEMBER: Salvation Army bag collection
 18th September: Y2+Y6 Parent Forum meetings
 19th September: Y1,3,5,6 Parent Forum meetings
 2nd October: Y6 Taster Day at Lord Derby Academy
 8th October: Y2 SATs Parents Meeting

ATTENDANCE INCENTIVES

We like to reward our pupils for good attendance. Every week, the class with the highest attendance will receive Football at lunchtime.

Every class that achieves 97+% for their weekly attendance will receive a star, once they have received 5 stars, they will receive 45 minutes forest time or board game time.

Please help your class receive rewards and be in school and strive for 100% attendance.



WORDS OF THE WEEK

MATHS – DIVISION

ENGLISH – RESILIENT

Have a practice of these words over the weekend, who knows you could earn yourselves some house points when you return to school and use these words in your context

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