



NEWSLETTER

10th January 2020

Head of School Message

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year. The start of a new term is always exciting with many new and exciting things to look forward to. We have many educational visits and visitors already booked into school to enhance and enrich our curriculum.

Many of you will be aware that we have had some teaching assistant movement in the school due Mrs Daly leaving. Looking at the vast skill set our TAs have, we decided to place Mr Duckworth in Year 6, Mrs Sergison in Year 4 and Miss Goodheart in Year 1. This has been in place from Monday and transition has been excellent.

Again this term there will be a big focus on attendance to school. Last term we finished below that of national standard which something we all don't want. It is important that we encourage our children to build resilience when coming into school particularly around odd days off here and there. In the next few weeks Mrs Walker will be distributing some useful information. Please take the time to read this.

Finally, Can I please encourage all parents to ensure that children bringing bikes into school must wear helmets at all times. "A helmet on the head will keep them from a hospital bed"



Mr D Kenny
Headteacher



Mrs J Williams
Head of School

STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to this week's stars, we are very proud of you.

NURSERY: Lilly Glasstone
Holly Chesters

RECEPTION: Cole Pates
Daniel Salcido-Chaparro

YEAR 1: Reeve Parle

YEAR 2: Sasha Karpenkov

YEAR 3: Heidi Noon

YEAR 4: Ava Shaw

YEAR 5: Mia Shaw

YEAR 6: Olivia Keenan

PPA: Jessica Hilton

Head teacher Spectacular Pupil:
Freya Edwards

TERRIFIC TIMEKEEPERS

Can we remind Parents/Carers that doors open at 8.20am ready for lessons to start at 8.30am. Our Terrific timekeepers competition starts all over again for this half term. Please be on time for school and if your class wins – well you'll receive a treat .



PARKING

Can we please remind parents/carers that you are no longer allowed to park next door on Flavio's property or the nursing home car park.



Thursday 16th

January will be Party Box Day and pupils will receive a box containing a filled roll, sausage roll, cake, packet of crisps and a drink, or if they prefer they can have a jacket potato for lunch at a **cost of £1**. N.B Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 do not pay for this as they are already included under universal free school meals.



YEAR	THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE
REC	90.0%
Y1	94.3%
Y2	97.2%
Y3	96.8%
Y4	99.2%
Y5	93.7%
Y6	93.2%
TOTAL	94.9%
YEAR TO DATE	95.8%

NATIONAL CURRY CHICKEN DAY

Sunday is National Curried Chicken Day. Curried chicken lovers enthusiastically celebrate this day. It's Curried Chicken Day! Curried chicken is a popular dish in Asia, the United Kingdom, and the Caribbean. The word "curry" means "stir-fried." So how do you eat yours – mild, hot or smoking!. Why not celebrate this day and make your own or order in this weekend.



WHAT DO I DO OUTSIDE SCHOOL?

Well done to Freya Edwards from Y3. Freya cut her hair off for charity over the Christmas period and raised over £450 for Zoe's Place Charity. Well done Freya, what a superstar, we love your new haircut!



FOCUS OF THE WEEK – A BIT OF EVERYTHING

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, you must provide medical evidence, such as a dated appointment card, prescription or Doctors/Walk-in Centre/Care in the Chemist 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

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.



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TIME

REMINDER

Doors open: 8.20am
Lessons start: 8.30am



WORDS OF THE WEEK

MATHS – Factors

ENGLISH – Colossal

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th January : School closes at 2pm

31st January : Young Voices concert

11th February : Acorn farm visit to EYFS

14th February: Valentines Disco

26th February: Theatre production in school

2nd March: Y4 at KIND (All week)

24th March : Y5 trip to Jodrell Bank

Don't forget to apply for your Reception Class September 2020 place by the **15th January 2020**. You can apply online at

www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/apply-for-a-school-place



LATE PICK UP FROM SCHOOL

If children are not collected at the normal pick up time of 2.30pm OR late being collected from an afterschool activity, 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

Late after 5.30pm - £1 for every minute late

