



NEWSLETTER

8th September 2023

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the first week of our summer term. It was great to see so many happy faces return to school on Tuesday after a long six-and-a-half weeks off. On Tuesday, I welcomed all children back with a full school assembly. We took time to reflect on the summer holidays and then considered our aspirations for the year ahead.

As a Trust this year we have committed to join the national 'Behaviour Hub' to share and refine the excellent practises we have in class and around the school. Throughout the week staff and children have been practicing their 'relentless routines' at transition times of the day. The children have found these routines extremely easy and already we can see an impact on focus when changing lessons.

Attendance, as always, this year needs to be a focus for us all. You will have seen lots of press over the summer regarding a national dip in attendance. We do not want to be included in these discussions. Blacklow Brow wants to be at the forefront leading good attendance. The children tell us they want to come to school because they enjoy their lessons and they feel safe and happy. Please refrain from any time off during the school year, especially for holidays.

Mr D Kenny - Executive Headteacher



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Stars of the week

Congratulations to this week's Stars. We are very proud of you!



Mason

Reception: All our new starters

YEAR 1: Maria

YEAR 2: Mollie

YEAR 3: Jacob

YEAR 4: Seb

YEAR 5: Ralph

YEAR 6: Louie

Afterschool: Holly



Terrific Timekeepers

We would like to remind Parents/Carers that doors open at 8.20am. Our terrific timekeepers for this year were our pupils from Y4 and Y5. Well Done! We cannot stress enough the importance of your child being on time for school, and the impact it has on your child's day, by being late.



URGENT NOTICE

Please be advised that there will be NO afterschool wraparound provision next Thursday due to statutory Safeguarding training for ALL staff. Afterschool will reopen as normal the day after. Thank you



Immunisations

A message has been sent out on the parent app from the Knowsley Immunisations Team. If you would like your child to receive their seasonal flu nasal spray, then please click on the link <https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk>

Y6

Just a reminder that the secondary school applications portal opens on the 12th September for you to start applying

YEAR	ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK:
NURSERY	
RECEPTION	
Y1	93.1%
Y2	96.7%
Y3	92.2%
Y4	94.0%
Y5	98.9%
Y6	97.8%
TOTAL	95.5%
YEAR TO DATE	95.5%

Payments

Can we remind all parents to check their child's payment account on the parent app, and ensure they remain in credit at all times. We do send reminder emails every Saturday prompting parents to check their accounts, yet there are still some parents who are not topping their accounts up, school should not be phoning parents to remind them to top up, given that a reminder has already gone out to everyone.

National Teddy Bear Day

Tomorrow is National Teddy Bear Day. We have all had a special cuddly teddy at some point. No matter what kind of teddy bear you have, the day is a perfect time to celebrate your cuddly friend! Maybe celebrate by giving a Teddy Bear to someone you love, or donate Teddy Bears to a local charity for children, or even host a Teddy Bear tea party.



FOCUS OF THE WEEK

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 are £120 per child per parent.

UNDERSTANDING ATTENDANCE

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

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

REMINDER

Doors open:
8.20am Lessons
start: 8.30am



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.



Safeguarding

If you have any concerns or worries about a child please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead Mr Kenny and Deputy Safeguarding Lead Mrs Gibson-Burkert. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and all people in the school community have a statutory duty to act on any concern. You can always ring Mash on 0151 443 2600.



WORDS OF THE WEEK

MATHS

Digit

ENGLISH

Democracy



SEND

We have our SEND Parent Surgery available on Monday's from 1:45 onwards, to book a 15 minute slot, please email Mrs Humphreys on

Send@BlacklowBrowSchool.co.uk

Or contact the school office



All wraparound care is to be booked through the MCAS parent app. Our numbers are capped, so please remember to book, as we may not have availability on the day. If you have booked an afterschool sessions and no longer require it, please email the school office ASAP. Thank you

Dates for your diary

14th September: NO Afterschool Wraparound
W/C 11th September: Meet the teacher
27th October: Half Term

If children are not collected at the normal pick up time of 3pm OR are late being collected from an afterschool activity, they will go into afterschool which is chargeable as follows:

½ hour from school close time= £3 per day

1 hour from school close time= £5 per day

anything after 1 hour up until 5.30pm = £12.50 per day

(Late after 5.30pm - £1 for every minute late)