



NEWSLETTER

12th January 2024

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year, and welcome back to the spring term.

On Monday, we started with a half day to 'rest and realign' standards and expectations, in line with the national behaviour hub initiative, reminding children and staff of our expectations for the busy term ahead. In particular, our focus at the beginning of this half term was presentation, handwriting and marking in books. The staff took this opportunity to remind children of our marking policy and the associated codes they will find in their books.

Can I please take this opportunity to remind parents of the importance of parental support at home

in ensuring children complete all homework with a particular emphasis on reading? Reading every night is essential not just for fluency but also for understanding. Please take the time a few times a week to talk to your child about their understanding of what they have been reading. Your support with this is very much appreciated.

Finally, please ensure your My Child at School app notifications are enabled. This will ensure you get all messages sent from school immediately. This week, we have sent an important message about the school car park with changes taking effect starting Monday. Please ensure you read this and pass it on to grandparents and others who may drop off or collect.

Thank you for your anticipated support in 2024.

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!

 Milly F

Nursery: Joseph
Reception: Finley
YEAR 1: Amelia M
YEAR 2: Pippa
YEAR 3: Holly
YEAR 4: Ryan
YEAR 5: Phoebe
YEAR 6: Allanya
Afterschool: Henry C



Terrific Timekeepers

We would like to remind Parents/Carers that doors open at 8.20am. To kick start the year, our winners this week are our pupils from Y2 and Y4, well done! Please ensure your child is on time, so that they are not disturbing class learning by coming in late.



Year Of The Dragon

Next Thursday we will be celebrating the 'Year of the Dragon'. We are offering a hot dinner for £1.

Children will have the chance to try:

Shredded Chicken
Sweet and Sour sauce
Noodles
Rice
Spring Rolls
Prawn Crackers



(Sandwiches and jacket potatoes will also be available)

This is a fantastic chance to try something new and celebrate The Year of the Dragon!

(Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 do not pay for this as they are included under universal free school meals.)

National Curry Chicken Day

National Curry Chicken Day is here to pay respect to this yummy dish that is a favourite craving by so many. This fantastic dish has been filling our bellies since the 1700s and has been in existence long before then. Did you know there are over 10,000 curry houses in the UK! So whether you throw your apron on and get cooking or visit a restaurant for your curry, enjoy it!



YEAR	ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK:
NURSERY	97.0%
RECEPTION	98.8%
Y1	95.7%
Y2	98.3%
Y3	92.5%
Y4	95.3%
Y5	95.0%
Y6	94.6%
TOTAL	95.9%
YEAR TO DATE	96.3%

Chemistry With Cabbage

Our Y5 pupils had a of real hands-on chemistry lesson with cabbage this week. The children made indicators, tested household chemicals, looked at the properties of acids, and did reversible and irreversible changes. They thoroughly enjoyed it.



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



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

English
Text
Maths
Fraction



SEND

We have our SEND Parent Surgery available on Thursday'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

7th February: Class Photographs
9th February: School closes 3pm for half term
19 February: School reopens
26-28th June: Y6 JCA Trip

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)