

July 2010

Dear Families,

It is the end of term and as we look back on the year we realise what a busy one it has been. The children have had a fun year, learned a lot and experienced a great deal with us here at Blackwell. The Year 4 Leaver's assembly today showed us just the sort of things that the children at Blackwell experience during their five years at the school. We send a fond farewell to our Year 4s and wish them all the best at Middle School. For those parents who will no longer have a child in school, we also say farewell and thank you for all your support.

Thank you to all of the staff at the school for their hard work this year. We wish those leaving us all the best in their new roles (or retirement!).

Finally thank you to all the children for showing themselves to be such hard working, responsible children who make us all very proud.

Thank you for your continued support.

A BUSY TWO WEEKS!

Thanks to the PTA for funding our trip on the Severn Valley railway. The children had a great time and experienced a holiday from the past for themselves. Who would have thought that a simple game of marbles or walk along the river would have entertained them so well!

The children enjoyed their Sport Afternoon in school but we were sad to cancel it on the field. Apologies to all those who were looking forward to it.

TEAM SUPERSPORTS

Thank you to all the children who raised sponsor money for Team Supersports. The children had a good time and enjoyed the gymnastic demonstration! We hope it inspires a few children to take up the sport and keep fit! We raised over £300 for the charity and £200 for the school.

WORKING TOGETHER

We have worked, through class newsletters, termly reports and consultation meetings, to keep you informed of your child's progress throughout the year. This helps you to support your child with their learning.

Following feedback from a couple of parents on the report response forms, we will produce an overview of what is expected in different subjects for different age groups so that parents are aware of national expectations. This will help clarify what is expected of your child for them to be *working at the expected level* for their age. Thank you for your feedback.

Website

Please subscribe to the email facility on the website if this will allow you to receive urgent messages from school. See www.blackwellfirstschool.com

NEXT YEAR

We look forward to welcoming you all back in September for another exciting year at Blackwell First School. Our first two topics are "Fire Fire" (a history based topic on the Great Fire of London) and "In the woods". Remind the children to check the school website during the holiday.

SEVERN VALLEY FREE TICKETS

The Severn Valley Railway has donated a free ticket for each child so we hope that some of you are able to enjoy a trip over the summer. We have attached it to this newsletter.

Attendance

Good attendance is linked to good achievement in school so we would like to encourage children to attend as much as possible and ask you to avoid booking holidays in term time if possible. 100% attendance certificates will be awarded on Friday!