

# NEWSLETTER for Blackwell First School - Nursery



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Welcome back - we hope you all enjoyed some fun family time together over half term. This second half term is sure to be a cold one (it always is!) - bring on the snow!! ☺



## TRIM TRAIL FUN

As part of our transition process, and to encourage those slower eaters, the school trim trail is now being enjoyed by the Nursery after lunch. A real challenge for the children but a LOT of fun!

## EASTER COFFEE AFTERNOON

On the last day of term, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, we will be holding an Easter Coffee Afternoon in the school hall at 2.30pm. The children will be choosing some of their favourite songs and dances from the Spring Term and showing them to you. Like you did for the Christmas Coffee Afternoon, please do bring along all those friends and relatives as it is always a lovely end to the term.

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

These will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April and will be an opportunity for us to catch up and chat about your child's progress (school age children in September) or an opportunity for us to catch up and chat about how your little one has settled into Nursery life (January starters).

Please come along to the main Reception where someone will let you know where to wait. Our photobooks will be available for you to look through.

Appointments are 15/20 minutes long for Nursery age children and so if you think you have anything other than the above to chat about, please do make an appointment at a different time. ☺

## TIME to CHAT

If you do have any worries/concerns before this, please do come and chat with us.

Kind regards Mrs Mander, Mrs Allen, Mrs Franklin, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Flynn.

## TOPIC

Our first topic this half term is "Families". Like you did with the "baby" photographs", please could you email in a family photograph for us to keep on our Family Wall. Along with lots of talk about our families, we are planning on creating Happy Families cards and then playing the game with them so clear faces would be ideal!

Our second topic of the term is "Easter" where we will be learning about the meaning behind the celebration and having lots of egg fun.

## STAFFING

Due to personal reasons, Mrs Barrett has said goodbye to Blackwell. We were sad to see her go last half term and we wish her all the best for the future.

We are lucky enough to have Mrs Flynn now join the team full time. ☺

## INDEPENDENCE

With Physical Development being one of the three *Prime Areas* that we focus on in nursery, we work really hard on making the children as independent as possible when it comes to self-care. All children are now able to find and put on their own coat and for the older group, fasten with a zip (or at least try). They can all now put on their own waterproofs, hat, boots too. It is amazing how quick they become when we head down to the Trim Trail after lunch.

Please help support us with this process as it is easy to "do it for them" but if you just put your hands in your pocket and let them try, try, try, they will get there! *Resilience* is a key competency for our school and it is a vital skill for life!