

NEWSLETTER

for Blackwell First School- Nursery



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We hope you all had a lovely half term break. It was such a long half term and the children did so well in settling into routines of their new nursery life. The next half term is by far the most exciting with the approach of Christmas! This half term our topics are: Bonfire Night, Remembrance, Families and Christmas. For our Families topic, please could you email in a photograph of the children with their immediate family for us to share with our friends.

LAST TERM'S LEARNING

Photos are available on the ParentApp

As part of our Autumn topic, we headed over the road to the BIG children's Forest School to find some signs of Autumn.

DOUBLE UP

With the season changing from Autumn to Winter in the coming months, a reminder of clothing. Please dress the children daily with the clothes that you would if you were taking them on a weekend walk. Two layers all over the body is usually plenty, with a **warm** coat and **warm** hat. If they can wear their hat on arrival (rather than in their bag) this makes it easy for them to find as they pop it by shoes in the rack.

INVOICES

The invoices for the Autumn Term 2021 will be raised once the whole term is completed and so will be coming out to you in January 2022. With so many changes to the children's days, pick up times and additional days we have learnt this is the easiest way. This invoice will be for any lunches attended, fruit/vegetable snacks (two per day) and any additional hours attended that aren't covered by your "claimed" hours.

WELCOME BACK MISS HERLIHY

Following on from her time in university, Miss Herlihy has returned and will be working with us for the next 3 months. ☺

ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS

Our very own little elves will be creating personal Christmas cards for you to purchase for family and friends. An order form will come out in bags. We are filming for the Christmas film on Wednesday 8th December. If your little one does not attend on this day, please do let me know if you want them be part of this production. ☺

HAPPY TO CHAT

It was lovely to chat to all of you over Zoom before half term. It is always a good opportunity to catch up and find out more about what they are like at home. If you do have any questions or queries (however small!), please do email.

Mrs Mander, Mrs Allen, Mrs Franklin, Miss Turner (am), Mrs Hampton (pm) and Miss Herlihy.

OUTDOOR FOREST SCHOOL

Mrs Allen takes us daily outdoors for some Forest School fun. We have morning and afternoon sessions where she will teach us Forest School skills, show us how to create art outdoors, play "playground" games and so much more!

INDOOR CIRCLE TIMES

Speaking and Listening

We move on to a new listening rule this half term ~ "Staying Quiet". We will be playing lots of games where the children need to keep their lips together for the game to work. This is always a difficult one for children so young!

Mathematics

We keep our numbers low in the Nursery to ensure children gain a sound understanding to apply later through school life. Although we do talk/sing a lot about numbers to 10 and beyond, we focus initially on numbers 1-5. Being able to read, count and collect them is only part of the process; we still need to split them, arrange them in different ways, compare them e.g. more/less, spot them in other ways e.g. actions and subitise them (counting with our eyes).

Communication and Language

Our daily Phonics is the start of their reading journey. By the end of this Autumn term we will have covered Environmental Sounds and Instrumental Sounds. We are then "tuned in" to hearing sounds around us and so ready for Rhyme and Alliteration in the Spring term. After lunch we also share our friends' new vocabulary and explore a story every week from our topic.

Write Dance and Dough Dance

Write Dance uses music and movement to introduce handwriting to children. Our session begins with a song/dance using big arm movements and then using the same song, we mark make in different media. Dough Disco is exercise for the arms, wrists, hands and fingers to improve fine muscle control needed for handwriting. We use familiar and popular disco music chosen by children. ☺