

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. We have everything crossed for some of those sunny days now we are back as this half term always seems to be the coldest.



WRITE DANCE

A few photographs to show and share what Write Dance looks like in the Nursery. Write Dance is our daily dance program which is designed to develop gross and fine-motor muscles, rhythm, coordination and balance. Every week, we learn a new song, dance and then mark make. Above you can see us with our favourite media - soap and water (an easy one to clean!), paint and chalks. The dance movements accompany the song lyrics to incorporate a variety of physical actions. This half term we extend our actions and begin colour mixing to see what new colours we can make. We will also add in our tools e.g. sponges, brushes and when the weather is warmer, take our dancing outdoors.

TOPIC

Our topics this term are Spring, Mother's Day and Easter. In our Spring topic we will be talking about the signs of Spring so the children can start to spot them in their environment. During our Mother's day topic we will be creating some special cards, talking about our Mummy using photos to help support us and sharing the funniest stories about them that is always a highlight! Our Easter topic will see the return of our Mary and Joseph Russian dolls as we talk about the meaning behind why we celebrate Easter in a child friendly way.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS via ZOOM

These will be held on Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st March via Zoom and will be an opportunity for us to catch up and chat about your child's progress. Please click on the Zoom link which will be sent to you a few days before and join the Waiting Room at your allocated time. Appointments are 15 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.

PHOTO REQUEST

The family photo display was such a huge hit with the children. With Mother's Day in just a few weeks' time, would you be able to email in an individual photograph of "Mummy" by **Friday 11th March** to help support our Mother's Day topic.

The same request will come for a "Daddy" photo in a few months' time, so if easier, feel free to send both in now.

COLLECTION

The children will be so pleased to see your faces collecting them so close to their cabin. With the open evening before half term and being back to normal with collection points, it feels like a little normality is returning. Communication between us is so important during this Nursery year so please do catch the grownup who brings the children out with any questions (however small) you have about your little one. For those collecting at the other times, please do email in to the nursery@ address.

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

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 fasten it with a zip (or at least try). They can all now find and put on their own waterproofs, hat and boots too. It is amazing how quick they become when they are heading into Play and Explore. Please help support us with this process. We know it is easier 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 core value for our school and it a vital skill for life!