

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 warmer sunny days now we are back as this half term always seems to be the coldest.



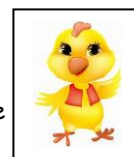
WRITE DANCE

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 muscle, rhythm, coordination and balance. Every week we learn a new song, dance and then mark make. The dance movements accompany the song lyrics to incorporate a variety of physical actions. Above you can see us with soap/water, shaving foam and paint. This half term we extend with colour mixing and tools e.g. pens, chalks,

TOPIC



Our topics this term are Pirates and Easter. In our Pirate topic we will be sharing fun stories about them, creating pirate ships with the crates and Pattern Parrot will return and sing his song! During our Easter topic we will be going on an egg hunt, creating our own egg repeating patterns and getting those wings ready for our Easter sing-song. Early Years "Singing on the Steps" is on Monday 18th March at 8.45am. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

These will be held on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March and will be an opportunity for us to catch up and chat about your child's progress. 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

With Mothering Sunday in just a few weeks' time, would you be able to email in an individual photograph of "Mummy" by **Friday 23rd February** to help support our 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.

FRENCH CLUB

You may have noticed a little French creeping in to their everyday language.

Early Years French club runs on Wednesday at 3.15-4.00pm in Red class with Mrs Wilson and Mrs Mander. Please do drop in to the office if you are interested in booking a space.



TIME to CHAT

Communication is so important during this Nursery year so please do catch the grownup who brings out the children with any questions, concerns or worries (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

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 with a zip (or at least try). They can all 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 is a vital skill for life!