



Black Lane CP School

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Newsletter October 2019

Admissions

All applications for school places are to be submitted online at www.wrexham.gov.uk/admissions

These are the closing dates coming up –

Secondary School Admissions – 8th November 2019

Reception Place Admissions – 22nd November 2019

Payments

All payments where possible should be made online at www.wrexham.gov.uk/blacklane. Mrs Edwards is happy to give a tutorial to parents who haven't used the service before or are unsure. We are preparing to go completely cashless in the next 2 years and all payments will be available online. If you would like a reminder of your child's pin reference number please contact the school office. We recommend saving the pin number onto your phone or storing it somewhere safe.

In the meantime for any payments not available online cash will be taken but this needs to be in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name and what the payment is for. Envelopes should be given to children at the start of each day and either handed to the class teacher or put into the lockable post box. Mrs Edwards leaves the office at 2.15pm so there is nobody here at the end of the day to give envelopes to.

Office times

We would like to remind you of the school office hours.

Mrs Edwards' office hours are as follows: Monday – Thursday 8.30-2.15pm and

Friday 8.30-1.30pm. Any enquiries or messages should be called through to the school office on 01978 757959 as class dojo is not always checked in time in the school day. If you call and there is no answer please leave a message on the answering machine as this will be picked up when someone is back in the office.

Illness

If your child is going to be absent from school then we kindly request that you call the school office on 01978 757959. Class Dojo should not be used for reporting pupil absence. If your child is off school and no contact has been made then school staff will follow up with a phone call and may arrange a home visit.

School Meals

This is just to remind all parents that the cost of an infant and junior school meal is £2.40. All payments should be made at least one day in advance online or cash on the morning.

National Tests

The Welsh National tests this school year will be held 28th April-5th May 2020. Any holiday requests during this period for children in Years 2-6 will not be approved. Please try and arrange any holidays and appointments outside of this period.

Dates for the diary – All dates included on the website calendar

Friday 25 th October	School closes for the half term
Friday 25 th October	Closing date for January Early Entitlement intake
Monday 4 th November	Training Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 5 th November	School reopens
Friday 8 th November	Closing date for secondary school applications
Monday 11 th -15 th November	Anti Bullying week
Friday 15 th November	Children In Need
Wednesday 20 th November	Deposit due in for Cardiff
Friday 22 nd November	PTA – Non Uniform Day
Friday 22 nd November	Closing date for Reception applications
Thursday 28 th November	PTA Christmas Fayre
Sunday 8 th December	Choir singing in St Paul's church
Tuesday 10 th December	Christmas Concerts (please see school website for times)
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Concerts (please see school website for times)
Wednesday 11 th December	Balance due for Nant BH and Glan Llyn

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What's been going on

Criw Cymraeg

On 26th September we were invited to Ty Pawb for a Criw Cymraeg celebration for achieving a Bronze Award. You should all be very proud of all your children as without everyone's effort we would not have been able to get this fabulous achievement.

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Make some Noise

Year 2-6 recently enjoyed a music show which was put on from Wrexham music cooperative. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves as did the staff.

Coding Workshops

Snowdon and Tryfan recently took part in some coding workshops. They learnt all about programming using different types of software. It was a great experience for them which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

School Council, Eco Council, Digital Leader & Criw Cymraeg

We have recently appointed all our representatives for all the above roles. We had so many applications this year for the roles and I would like to take the time to thank all the children that applied. Mrs Fox, Mrs Peters and Mr Davies look forward to working with you all to help improve our school.

Transition Events

On Tuesday 17th September, Bryn Alyn visited our school to talk to Years 3-6. They discussed the transition to high school and what Bryn Alyn has to offer pupils. We are hoping that our year 6 children will have the chance to visit Bryn Alyn on some transition workshops soon.

Football & Netball

The football and Netball team have both participated in the county league tournaments. Both teams played really well and tried their best. The children that took part enjoyed the experience and represented the school well.

Harvest

Our focus this half term has been 'thankfulness' We held a lovely Harvest service in school and asked for donations for the local foodbank. We were overwhelmed with items so thank you. Our choir have been practicing really hard in afterschool club and they sang a lovely song for the whole school in the Harvest service.

Severn Trent

Severn Trent came in recently to talk about our water and the journey that the water takes to get to our taps and what happens to it afterwards. The children learnt the important message of using water more wisely. The assembly and workshop was informative and fun.

Book Fair

Our book fair was a huge success and we made nearly £400 in book sales. Thanks to all everyone who supported it. As we earned commission on all sales we have been able to purchase over £100 worth of books for our school.

Black Lane Playgroup

Black Lane Playgroup is held every Tuesday in the Black Lane hall 9am – 10.45am. If you have any preschool aged children why not come along for a chat whilst your little ones play?

Fun Run

Our fun run is due to take place tomorrow. All the children are looking forward to it. Children can come in own clothes or fancy dress Please can you return any sponsor forms and money so we can get a total amount raised. We are hoping to be able to start work on the outdoor gym very soon.