



# Black Lane CP School

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Newsletter January 2020

## Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a fabulous Christmas and are ready to start the spring term. A few updates and achievements to start us off.

### Breakfast Club

A reminder to all parents that breakfast club opens at 8am. Children should not be left unsupervised on the school yard before 8am. We ask that any children in the foundation phase are escorted to the door and should not be left to walk alone. Please note that Breakfast club only accepts children until 8.35am, with last breakfast being served at 8.30am.

### Staff Car Park

Due to an increasing number of parents using the staff car park we have made the decision to start locking the gate. The car park is for staff only to ensure the safety of staff and pupils. If you are a blue badge holder, please contact the school prior to any visit to gain access. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Adverse Weather

It is that time when adverse weather is fast approaching; we will make every effort to keep the school open. In the event of a closure, the school will publish the closure on [www.wrexham.gov.uk](http://www.wrexham.gov.uk), our Facebook account, class dojo and inform the local radio station.

### Swimming

Snowdon have completed this last terms swimming lessons. This term is the start for Tryfan. Swimming is every Thursday so do not forget your swimming kits and swimming bus money. Bus money is paid each half term and the cost this half term is £10.00. Please note swimming is part of the National Curriculum and is compulsory.

### 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.

### Snack

Snack payment is due at the start of each term. The termly cost for is Infants is £12 and Juniors is £15.00.

### Training Day

The Welsh Government have given every school in Wales an extra training day to allow school staff to work on the new curriculum. Black Lane will be taking this day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May. As the 8<sup>th</sup> May is a bank holiday, the last day of the week with be Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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

Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 – Nant BH
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Tempest Photographs
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 – Glan Llyn
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Year 5 Playbuddy training
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Moel Hebog visit to Tesco
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Balance due for Cardiff
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closes for half term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens for the second half term
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	PC Stu Reeves – Selected class workshops
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Sport Relief
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 - Cardiff

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## What's been going on

### Criw Cymraeg

Criw Cymraeg are keen for parents to use Welsh too, so they are recording the 'Phrase of the Week' onto Class Dojo weekly and adding it to our school website [www.blacklaneschool.co.uk](http://www.blacklaneschool.co.uk). The Criw Cymraeg will also be reintroducing the 'Welsh Speaker of the Week' certificate for pupils first and then for staff too.

### Children In Need

We raised a fantastic £243.42 for Children In Need. Thank you for your kind donations.

### School Choir

The school choir have been out and about singing for residents in the local care homes. They went to sing for residents in Nightingale house and also sang with the Brymbo Male Voice Choir at St. Pauls.

### Christmas Concerts

A big well done to all our pupils who all performed superbly during our Christmas concerts. You are all stars in the making!

### Anti-bullying Workshops

We recently had our rearranged anti bullying working shops held in school. Each class took part in the workshops doing activities and talks based on their age group. Staff and pupils picked up advice on how to deal with certain situations and where to turn to if help is needed.

### Chester Zoo

Mrs Edwards managed to secure us free tickets to Chester Zoo. All children in Nursery – Year 6 were able to attend. The weather was on our side and all the children and staff had a fantastic time. Lots of the animals were out and we got to see lots of them. I'm sure you've heard all about it.

### Black Lane Playgroup

Black Lane Playgroup is short on numbers and is at threat of closure. If you have preschool aged children why not bring them along to play. It runs every Tuesday during term time 9.15am-10.45am

### PTA

The PTA have been working extremely hard. The Christmas Fayre and raffle was a huge success and we managed to raise £1120.00. We have now installed our outdoor gym, which the children have been enjoying.

The PTA kindly agreed to fund our Christmas Pantomime and also funded the Christmas party on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, which included a Santa visit and present.

A big thank you to our PTA for providing this for our children of Black Lane!

### Christingle

We have been learning in school the meaning behind Christingle. Snowdon class led our Christingle service in school and we invited Vicar Will to lead our prayers.

### Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas dinner this year was on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. This was a lovely dinner time with all staff getting involved and Christmas music being played. The PTA kindly donated Christmas Crackers for every child. Thank you.

### Indoor Athletics

Mrs Peters took 30 children to Indoor Athletics at Plas Madoc. She wanted to take as many children as possible to give them the experience of a sporting event. The children had a fantastic time, competing with other schools.

### Super Learning Day

Staff planned a super learning day across the whole school in December with the focus being on Numeracy.

The children developed their numeracy skills further whilst participating in fun activities. Please ask your child all about it.