Black Lane CP School

…Aiming high, achieving the best

Newsletter October 2021

Staff Car Park

Unfortunately we have noticed a number parents using the staff car park to drop their children. Please ensure you park outside the school grounds at all times due to health and safety regulations.
If you are a blue badge holder, we kindly ask you inform the school office prior to using the car park.
Many Thanks.

Attendance

We carry out attendance monitoring every half term and letters sent to parent if attendance falls below a set amount of sessions. This means that when there has been a high degree of sickness and/or holidays you may receive a letter. Sharing this information with you is not intended to cause upset, it is a way of communicating this information to you so that we can continue to work together to ensure all our children maintain the highest level of attendance possible and have access to all of their educational opportunities.

Admissions

All applications for school places are to be submitted online at
www.wrexham.gov.uk/admissions
The closing dates coming up –
Early Entitlement (Jan) – 22nd October 2021
Reception – 19th November 2021
Secondary – 5th November 2021

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.

Swimming
Year 5 & 6

Swimming is every Thursday and is part of the National Curriculum. As it is a compulsory part of school, children can only be excused with a valid doctor's note.

School Meals

All school meals must be booked and paid for in advance through Parent Pay. We still have a handful of parents not ordering their child's meals which is resulting in the cook not having enough food for everyone as it hasn't been prepared. We recommend that school meals are ordered on a Sunday for the week ahead.

Breakfast Club

A reminder to all parents that breakfast club opens at 8am. Children that are unsupervised should not be on the yard before 8am. We ask that any children in the foundation phase are escorted to the door as they should not be left to walk alone.
Please note that Breakfast club only accepts children until 8.30am. Due to insurance purposes we are not able to accept children after this time.
All bookings must be made on Parent Pay.

Dates for the diary

Monday 27th September	Reception admissions opening date
Thursday 30th September	Bryn Alyn open evening
Thursday 7th October	Reception-Y6 Flu immunisations
Friday 22nd October	Closing date for January Early Entitlement intake
Friday 22nd October	Non school uniform and PTA sweet and dounut sale
Friday 22nd October	School closes for the half term
Monday 1st November	School reopens
Friday 5th November	Closing date for secondary school applications
Thursday 11th November	Remembrance Service
Friday 12th November	Children in Need
Friday 19th November	Closing date for Reception applications

Black Lane CP School……What's been going on

Cymraeg

We now have Mr A Davies and Mr R Davies who are fluent in Welsh after attending Welsh Sabbatical courses. We currently have members of staff on Welsh courses or due to start. Miss Lloyd is away from school for 2 terms on a sabbatical, Mrs Peters will be leaving us after Christmas to do 1 term sabbatical and Mrs Edwards is currently attending a night class to learn Welsh. Our

Make some Noise

Nursery – Year 6 recently enjoyed a music show which was put on from Wrexham music cooperative. The event was online and streamed in the classrooms. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves as did the staff.

School Council & Eco Council,

Applications are now open for pupils in Years 2-6 to apply for the roles of either School Council or Eco Council. If your child is interested, please ensure they have an application filled out by the deadline.

Playmaker – Buddy training

All our Year 5 pupils have recently started Playmaker training. Once completed they will get a certificate and will be qualified to lead play activities for the younger children in school.

Afterschool Clubs

We run a number of different afterschool clubs for children in Years 2-6 until 4pm throughout the week. Currently we have Art, Gardening, Netball, Boardgames & Spanish to name a few.

A big thank you to the staff who give up their own time to run these clubs. If your child is interested in any clubs, please contact the office to see if there is any space.

PTA

The PTA are already planning on ways that they can fundraise for our school. They are doing a sweet and dounut sale on the last day of the half term. Please support as much as possible. If you have any fundraising ideas, please email Sue Nelson – susanjanenelson@hotmail.com

Techniquest - Stardome

Year 2 – Year 6 recently took part in a Techniquest interactive show. The children got to blast off into space on a trip across the universe inside an inflatable planetarium. They had lots of fun.

Transition Events

Bryn Alyn visited our school to talk to Years 5&6. They discussed the transition to high school and what Bryn Alyn has to offer pupils. On Thursday 23rd September, Years 5 & 6 went to visit Bryn Alyn to take part in some workshops and activities. The children enjoyed meeting the staff and familiarising themselves with the school layout.

Harvest

Our focus this half term has been 'thankfulness' We held a lovely Harvest service with Vicar Will in school via Zoom and asked for donations for the local foodbank. If you have any donations, please send these in before half term so we can deliver them to the foodbank.

Outdoor Canopy

Our outdoor canopy in Foundation Phase is now complete and the children are now accessing outdoor learning as part of their daily activities. Outdoor learning supports the development of healthy and active lifestyles and promotes wellbeing. We are now working on developing the areas outside and purchasing new resources.

Jigsaws

Jigsaws currently run a wraparound care service for children in Nursery 11.30-3pm and also afterschool clun 3pm-5.30pm.

Please contact Jigsaw's direct for any information.

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