



NEWSLETTER

11th January 2019

Head of School Message

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a lovely Christmas and a relaxing couple of weeks. As usual Blacklow Brow children have settled back into school well and are working so hard.

I am pleased to announce that starting next week we are having a small extension to the school to remove the PE storeroom from the hall therefore opening up the hall for PE and lunch times. The extension will be at the front of the school and the site will be made safe for all our children, parents, carers, and staff. Once the new store is completed we will be replacing the hall floor that hasn't changed since the school was built. The team who are undertaking the construction have planned well and there will be minimal disruption to our working day.

Please ensure that the school uniform policy is followed. There must be no earrings and bows for girls must be small enough to fit under the child's hand. Many thanks for your support in this.



Jackie Williams
Head of School

STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to this week's stars, we are very proud of you.

NURSERY: Cole Pates
Molly Reeve
RECEPTION: Millie Ford
Hollie Williams

YEAR 1: Isabella West
YEAR 2: Mason McIver
YEAR 3: Harvey Gossage
YEAR 4: Oliver Vidamour
YEAR 5: Jacob Dring
YEAR 6: Niamh Bell
Jasmine Moongo
Mrs Williams: Reuben Maguire

TERRIFIC TIMEKEEPERS

We start our Terrific Timekeepers Competition from scratch this term. So who will win this half term, it could be anyone. Y3 were our last winners, will they be able to keep hold of the title, or will another class take the title. Good luck everyone may the battle commence.



Thursday 17th January will be New Year Party



Box Day and pupils will receive a box containing a filled roll, sausage roll, cake, packet of crisps and a drink, or if they prefer they can have a jacket potato for lunch at a **cost of £1**. N.B Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 do not pay for this as they are already included under universal free school meals.

REMINDER

Can we please remind parents that school meals **MUST** be paid for in advance through ParentPay. A text goes out to everyone on a Sunday evening to remind them to top up their account. Please contact the school office if you are not receiving these texts.



YEAR	% ATTENDANCE W/C 17/12/18
REC	92.6%
Y1	95.9%
Y2	90.4%
Y3	97.4%
Y4	82.9%
Y5	99.2%
Y6	92.0%
TOTAL	92.9%

YEAR TO DATE **96.4%**

WHAT DO I DO OUTSIDE SCHOOL?

Well done to our own little Karate Kid Jude Wheeler from Y1. Jude attends Huyton Leisure Centre for Kuk Sool Won and absolutely loves it, he achieved his yellow stripe. Well done Jude, I'm sure this is not the last we have seen of Jude



NATIONAL CURRIED CHICKEN DAY

Tomorrow is National Curried Chicken Day. Curried chicken lovers enthusiastically celebrate this day. It's Curried Chicken Day! Curried chicken is a popular dish in Asia, the United Kingdom, and the Caribbean. The word "curry" means "stir-fried." So how do you eat yours – mild, hot or smoking!. Why not celebrate this day and make your own or order in this weekend.



FOCUS OF THE WEEK – ATTENDANCE

At Blacklow Brow we value excellent attendance and punctuality as it is extremely important for the learning and well being of a child. Children who attend school regularly and arrive on time are more secure and better able to learn. Not attending regularly or arriving late has a negative impact on their learning, self esteem, confidence and also their friendships. As parents/carers, you have a responsibility to ensure that your child attends school and we want to support you in this.

UNDERSTANDING ATTENDANCE

As you can see from the table (right), if your child were to be absent 1 week per term, this would equate to 4 weeks off per year. This would have a significant impact on their learning.

PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE	WHAT THAT MEANS IN WEEKS OFF PER TERM	WHAT THAT MEANS IN WEEKS OFF PER YEAR
95%	4 days	2 weeks
90%	1 week	4 weeks
80%	2 weeks and 4 days	8 weeks
70%	4 weeks and 1 day	12 weeks
60%	5 weeks and 3 days	16 weeks
50%	7 weeks	20 weeks
40%	8 weeks and 2 days	24 weeks
30%	9 weeks and 1 day	28 weeks

REMINDER

Doors open:
8.25am
Lessons start:
8.30am



Important Notice

If your child is absent for 5 or more days, you must provide medical evidence, such as a dated appointment card, prescription or Doctors note. Without medical evidence your child's absence will not be authorised. Unauthorised absence can lead to a Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority which is £120 per child per parent. Parents sometimes think that fines are only for taking your child out of school for holidays, but you can also be fined for persistent absence.

REMINDER REQUESTS FOR HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Changes to the Education Attendance Regulations 2013 have meant that there is no legal entitlement for parents to take their children on holiday during term time. The regulations also make it clear that Headteachers may not authorise leave during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances, which does not include holidays. Absences are monitored by Knowsley Council who ensure parents adhere to the legislation and fines have recently been increased to £120 per child per parent.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25th January: Y5 Class Assembly
31st January: Y3/4 Girls football match (Kirkby)
8th February: Y5 Chocolate Workshop
11th February: Y2 and Y6 Mock SATs Week
14th February: Y3/4 Girls football match (Kirkby)
14th February: PTA Valentines Disco
15th February: Y4 Class Assembly

ATTENDANCE INCENTIVES

We like to reward our pupils for good attendance. Every half term, the class with the highest attendance will receive one hours 'green time'. Green time is an opportunity for children to do fun and exciting activities either in the hall or on the playground/field.

Every full term, the class with the highest attendance will receive an even better reward and it doesn't end there! Children with 100% attendance get entered into a draw to win a prize.

MAKE YOUR
NEW YEARS
RESOLUTION
TO BE ON TIME
TO SCHOOL
AND ACHIEVE
100%
ATTENDANCE