

Welcome Back!

It is so lovely to see everyone back at school and settling back into school life so happily, and lovely to enjoy some Summer sun at last!

I hope you all had a wonderful break and are looking forward to the Autumn term and an exciting Academic year, which will hopefully increasingly feel more like normal! Already there are exciting events and experiences being planned. Something very special to look forward to is our 50th Birthday, which we celebrate in January!

Inside Our Classrooms

The pupils at Blackthorns have all ready been getting stuck into their learning and sharing their wonderful creations made over the holidays.

The Hive has moved into the Treetops room and are settling into their new space, with their new teacher Mrs Hawtin (M/T) and Mrs Montiel (W/T/F)

Trailblazers are loving their awesome teacher! They have enjoyed exploring their new learning space, including their outdoor garden and choosing their own seating. They have been planning their own lessons to teach their class mates and have been exploring what the word CONFLICT means through model making.

Innovators have had a fabulous start to Year 5, exploring Fantastic Forces in Science, having fun learning through Bingo. They have begun to explore their topic by writing a timeline of the key events of Ancient Egypt and have been writing and drawing innovatively in response to listening to a sandstorm.

Ground-breakers have made a great start to year 4 and have demonstrated excellent listening skills. The children have been thinking about Zones of Regulation, exploring emotions and how they can help themselves to regulate and feel calm and ready to learn.

Warriors have been reading The Barnabus project in English, have begun their maths unit exploring place value, and kicked off their Stone Age project in the woods enjoying a Now>Press>Play immersive experience.

Explorers have started reading a book about earth called "Here We Are". They are creating a poster for a Martian to explain what Earth is like!

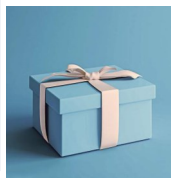
Inventors have made wonderful fairytale take away tasks and this week have presented their work to their class mates. They have also been looking at adjectives to describe characters in traditional stories.

Thinkers have been visiting their new classroom and meeting Mrs Day and Mrs Lee and are very excited to be starting at Blackthorns next week

Mrs Moffat has been back in school this week filling the hall with music, and Mrs Robinson has started Spanish and French lessons too. It's all systems go!

Thank You!

I just wanted to publicly thank everyone for all the kind messages, cards and gifts at the end of last term. I was really touched by everyone's kindness and greatly encouraged at the end of what had been a very challenging year!



Blackthorns is 50!

Were you a past pupil at Blackthorns? Or do you know anyone who was? We are looking to curate memories and photo's of 'Fifty Years of Blackthorns'. If you have anything you can share with us please email at office@blackthornsprimaryacademy.org.uk
More information about how will be celebrating will follow soon.

Swimming Returns!

Swimming will resume for Years 2, 3 and 4 in the Autumn Term and will commence on **Friday 17th September 2021**. The arrangements will be as follows:

Explorers [Y2] - swim between 9.00 - 9.30am - please drop your child at the Dolphin Leisure Centre by **8.40am** where Mrs Cheeseman will be to register them. They will return to school by coach. Mrs A Day and Miss Spencer will also accompany the children.

Warriors [Y3] - swim between 9.30 - 10.00am - the children will travel by coach to and from the Dolphin Leisure Centre. Mrs Thomas, Mr Davis and Mrs EJ Lee will accompany the children.

Ground breakers [Y4] - swim between 10.00 - 10.30am - the children will travel by coach to and from the Dolphin Leisure Centre. Mr King, Mrs Cole and Mr Rickard will accompany the children.

Please see Parentmail with the letter attached giving details of swimming fees for this term.
Thank you for your continued support.

Year 1: The statutory requirement is that all children should be able to swim 25 meters when they leave primary school. As Year 4 have not been swimming since March 2020 (they have missed 4 terms) they will continue and their progress will be monitored termly. We hope that Year 1 will be able to resume at some point this academic year. We will, of course, keep you informed.

Meal Selector: Hot School Meals

Note for Key Stage 2 parents: when ordering meals for the first time this term, please ensure you change your child's year group. Many thanks.

Dates for your diary:

11th September Village Day 12:00 Lindfield Common

15th September: Start The Year 4-5pm via Teams

17th September: Swimming Y2-4 begins

13th - 15th October: Y6 to Bowles

18th October: Parents Evening via School cloud

20th October: Parents Evening via School Cloud

22nd October: INSET

25th- 29th October: Half Term

1st-5th November: Theme Week [details to follow]

5th November: Learning Look- Open classrooms [details to follow]

9th November: Tempest Individual/family photos

7th December: EYFS/KS1 Nativity 9:30am

8th December: EYFS/KS1 Nativity 9:30am [details to follow]

14th December: Pantomime [details to follow]

17th Dec: Last Day of Term—break up for Christmas
Christmas Jumper Day

14:00pm Mulled Wine and Raffle

20th—31st December: Christmas Holiday

3rd January: Bank Holiday Monday [Academy Closed]

4th January INSET [Academy closed]