

## Welcome back to school and Happy New Year!

It has been lovely to welcome all of our children and their families back in to Blackthorns after the Christmas break. We hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful festive season.

The children throughout the school are very excited about starting their new topics and we have already seen some wonderful learning!

The Hive launched their new Harry Potter topic and the children have enjoyed the Hogwarts role play corner. They have been reading some spooky words in Phonics and have tried some new drama activities in English exploring the characters in the book.

Trailblazers have made a fantastic start to the spring term. They have launched into their Journeys topic and the children began the week with a Write Inspired project, using sound effects to help them envisage a journey from extreme cold to the sanctuary of a warm place. Trailblazers have also begun to look at Ernest Shackleton's epic journey to Antarctica. Children have created their own mini explorers and designed mottos to help them survive on their future expeditions.

Our classes have all been introduced to new topics and have also been experiencing some of the drama activities that our teachers took part in on our inspirational joint INSET day with Lindfield on Tuesday. We were visited by two National Theatre educators who took us on a journey through a vast range of activities to bring literacy and storytelling to life in order to enhance the enjoyment of writing for children.

### FOBS UPDATE!

Happy new year from FOBS! Thank you for all your support last term, especially around Christmas – together we raised lots of money for the school....

- The Christmas Fair raised £1855
- The raffle raised £971
- The children's Christmas cards raised £227.

The FOBS Quiz Night is on Friday 17th March – we hope to see lots of you there so please save the date. It's always a highlight of the FOBS calendar and a great night out without the kids!



### Wraparound care update

Pioneer Childcare are looking to recruit additional staff members in order to be able to establish their planned provision at Blackthorns. If you, or someone you know is interested in the role then please read the information below from Pioneer's Head of Recruitment, Sam East:

*Pioneer Childcare have been working with families in Lindfield for many years offering support with wraparound care and being a trusted link between your school community and the parents.*

*We are looking to recruit additional staff to work with our existing Lindfield team and can offer*

- *Flexible working patterns*
- *Flexible finish times*
- *Activities that are safe, planned and fun*
- *A caring, supportive, and professional team (we have fun too!)*
- *We mirror and share the schools' behavioural expectations and support their ethos and values.*

*If you are interested in joining our fun team, please [click here](#) to find out more information.*

*Alternatively, please do call me, I'd be delighted to talk to you.*

*Kind regards,  
Sam*

*Samantha East  
Head of Recruitment, HR and Admin.*