

STAFFING NEWS

I am pleased to inform you that we have appointed a new Class Teacher/ Sport Leader to join us at Blackthorns from September 2019. Mr Karl Luckhurst is currently teaching in East Sussex and has a real commitment to and passion for all sports. Mr Luckhurst is very involved in a local East Sussex football club, as well as being a qualified football referee. Mr Luckhurst will be joining us for our transition sessions later this term, when he will meet his new class.

Several parents have asked about class allocations during the last week or so. This information will be sent to parents at the end of June, so that the children are aware prior to their transition sessions with their new teachers on 3rd and 9th July 2019.

What's Great?

Class 4H have been successfully converting units of time. They have also created some lovely water poetry.

Class 5T worked very hard on the preparation for another successful Village Day.

Class 1S are doing brilliantly with division.

Classes 6D and 6J have created some excellent independent science projects about a living creature. They also showed a great level of maturity during the auditions for their end of year production.

Class 3C have created some excellent Cinderella PowerPoint presentations.

Class 2C showed a great level of resilience, maturity and positivity when completing their special quiz booklets!

Class RN are increasingly writing independently and are impressing many of the adults in the school with their wonderful creations.



Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a Head Teacher's Award and have had their names recorded in the Gold Book since the last newsletter: Oliver (1S), Yan Yan (4H), Indigo (RN), Oliver (3C), Jack Bu (3C), Harry D (2C), Kyle (2C) and William (4H).



14 children from 4H joined pupils from Lindfield and St Wilfrid's at Oathall for a workshop on 'Spectacular Circles', taught by Mrs Gaston, Lead Practitioner in maths at Oathall. They were amazing! I was really proud of their attitudes and responses to questions. (Mrs Highton)

THERE IS STILL TIME TO SECURE YOUR TICKETS TO OUR FIRST EVER 'BLACKTHORNS' STARS OF TOMORROW TALENT SHOW' NEXT FRIDAY. £3 PER TICKET.

KEY DATES

10th Jun: Year 1 phonics screening week
14th Jun: FOBs Talent Show
19th Jun: Year 5 performance
21st Jun: Year 3/4/5 Area Sports
25th Jun: Open Morning
26th Jun: Class 4H to Seven Sisters
27th Jun: Year 3 and 4 performance

WRAP-AROUND CARE PROJECT

You should have received the exciting news that we will be teaming up with Treetops Clubs to bring our families on-site wrap-around care from September 2019. This will be based in the current 6J classroom and will be open every day before and after school.

Following our survey during the Autumn Term, in which you told us that this was something you would welcome at Blackthorns, I have worked very closely with members of our Local Board to investigate the different options. Throughout the process, our focus has been on the feedback received from our families, as well as the very strong desire to provide a childcare solution that mirrors our own aims and values. The booking team have told me that they have already received many enquiries from our existing and prospective pupils, which is wonderful news. We are encouraging as many families as possible to register, as this will then enable you to use the club on an ad-hoc basis from September. Booking will be online, and this should be available via the new Treetops website from

Monday next week. Treetops staff will also be attending our Open Morning and Summer Festival, so that they can provide more information. Please let me know if you have any queries.



SOME BRIEF REMINDERS

Please be aware that the academy gate opens at 8.30am. Key Stage 2 children are allowed to come into school independently from 8.40am. Key Stage 1 children are collected from the playground at 8.50am. If there is heavy rain, a member of staff will let Key Stage 1 children in at 8.40am. They cannot come in before this time, due to staffing. We also ask that parents do not accompany children inside, especially on rainy days, as this can cause chaos in the Key Stage 1 area, as well as unsettling some children for the start of the day.

We are fortunate to have many offers of help on school visits and trips. Please can I remind you that, due to consents for photography, parents must not take photographs of children on their own devices during school trips.

SCHOOL COUNCIL—HEALTHY TUCK SHOP

Our School Council opened their Healthy Tuck Shop for business this week and it was very successful. Among the most popular items were the skinny popcorn and the watermelon. A big thank you to Mrs Fowler and our wonderful School Council for their hard work on this project. The tuck shop runs every Thursday at break-time for the Key Stage 2 children, with every item costing 50p or less.



1st Jul: Sports' Day
2nd Jul: Reserve Sports' Day
3rd July: Transition session (pm)
5th Jul: FOBs Summer Festival
9th July: Transition session (pm)
10th Jul: Year 6 Area Sports
12th Jul: FOBs discos
15th Jul: Year 6 production
16th Jul: Year 6 production
19th Jul: End of the academic year