



BLACKTHORNS COMMUNITY PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER – 5th May 2017

What's great at Blackthorns?

- Class 3C have been enjoying their cricket lessons and have been very enthusiastic
- Classes 4T and 4H are both really enjoying the start of their Romans topic and have completed some very impressive take-away tasks
- Class 2N have been working on a book called 'The Dot', which has contributed to their growth mindset learning
- Class 5D started the term with a wonderful Egyptian Tomb Experience (a big thank you to Mrs Clayton for her support with this event)
- Class 6J are displaying excellent attitudes to learning
- Class 1T have been making and playing Alien Words board games
- Class RH have completed some lovely dinosaur take-away tasks
- Modern Foreign Languages lessons continue to be engaging, exciting and very much enjoyed by the children across the academy. Thanks to Mrs Collins.
- Class 2N have been completing some lovely dreamtime stories
- Class 1T have spent time in the woods to inspire some writing they have been completing
- Class RH enjoyed a visit from Rebecca at Cuckfield Museum and had some great questions related to their dinosaurs topic
- Classes 4H and 4T have enjoyed learning Latin words in role as Roman soldiers
- Class 3C have been subtracting fractions
- Class 5D have been working well in whole class reading sessions focussing on prediction using the Once upon a Picture website.

Blue and White Day

Thank you for your support for our Blue and White Day. The photograph that we tweeted was retweeted by Brighton and Hove Albion, leading to 24 retweets and over 100 'likes', including one from the Albion legend, Bobby Zamora!!

Road Traffic Incident

I have been informed that there was an incident on Blackthorns at the end of last week, in which a car collided with and caused damage to a parked car. The driver then drove off and did not leave their details. If you saw this incident or have any information, please can you let Mrs Brand know, in confidence?

Fire Alarm

Last Tuesday the fire alarm went off at Blackthorns. This was not a planned drill and we, therefore, immediately evacuated the building and called for the emergency services. When the fire crew arrived, they were unable to get to the school, due to the parking of cars on Blackthorns Close. Luckily, it was a false alarm, but it did emphasise the need for the emergency services to be able to access the academy at all times. The issue arose because vehicles were parked on both sides of the road, so please ensure that you park considerately and help us to ensure the safety of your children.

SATs

During next week our Year 6 children will be taking their SATs tests. We are so pleased with our children's attitude to their learning and their preparation for these tests. On behalf of everyone at Blackthorns, I would like to wish them all the best next week and would also like to thank Mrs Jago for her incredible hard work and encouragement.

Our Year 2 children have also already begun to complete their 'Clever Clogs and Smartie Pants work' with Mrs Neller. Thanks also to Mrs Neller and the Year 2 team for their hard work.

Sports Day

I am in the process of compiling the provisional dates for this term and will send these out when they are ready. However, I thought it might help for you to know that Sports' Day will be on Monday 10th July 2017, with Wednesday 12th July identified as our reserve day should the initial date need to be cancelled due to the weather.

Library

Are you able to help in the school library? If you can spare some time on Friday mornings between 9.00am and 12.00pm three times per half term we would like to hear from you. All volunteers must have a DBS check and completed the in house safeguarding training with Mrs Brand. Please let Mrs Day know if you can help – thank you.

Fiddle Spinners

Please note that children are not permitted to bring 'fiddle spinners' into school. If the children require fiddle toys they will be provided in school.

Key Dates for the next two weeks:

Week beginning 8 th May -	SATs week
Monday 8 th May -	Reception visit to Paradise Park
Friday 12 th May -	Village Day Workshop

Kind regards

Marianne Brand