



BLACKTHORNS COMMUNITY PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER – 19th May 2017

What's great at Blackthorns?

- Class 4H have been enjoying using X-ray goggle coding
- Village Day preparations are going very well
- Our fantastic Year 2 and Year 6 children coped brilliantly with the statutory tests last week and we are very proud of the mature and sensible way they approached them
- Class 3C have been using their investigating skills to solve an angles investigation
- Class 5D have been making excellent progress in their cricket lessons
- Class RH have been practising and consolidating their understanding of subtraction in lots of exciting and practical ways
- Class 6J have been completing some excellent self portraits
- Class 1T have been completing some really wonderful writing this week, using their fabulous phonics skills
- Class 1T very much enjoyed learning the skill of New Age Kurling with Mrs Hughes

Author Visit

We are fortunate to be welcoming children's author and illustrator, Christian Darkin, to our academy on Friday 26th May 2017. All children will have an opportunity to understand the writing process that he goes through and will be able to ask questions. At the end of the school day, he will be selling and signing copies of his books on the Key Stage 1 playground. We will give parents an idea of the costs when we have these. A very big thank you to FOBs for funding this excellent experience for our children.

Woods Team

Our new Forest School Club, run by Suzanne and Jen from Nature Nurture Sussex, is going really well and the children are thoroughly enjoying it. Mrs Thomas has been discussing our grounds with Suzanne and they have come up with a plan to refresh our slightly tired-looking woodland area. We are hoping that a group of parents will be interested in working with us on this project. If you would be keen to help us to improve our learning environment for our children, please let Mrs Day in the office know and we will arrange a time to bring everybody together, with Mrs Thomas and Suzanne. Everybody is welcome, however green-fingered you are!

Academy Visitors

We have recently been working closely with another academy in our trust, Desmond Anderson Primary Academy in Crawley. On Monday and Tuesday next week, we will welcome all of the teachers from Desmond Anderson to Blackthorns as they will be spending two days with us, observing teaching and learning about some of the things that we find are successful and help our children's learning.

Verrucas

We have had cases of verrucas reported by staff and children. If your child has a verruca please could you ensure that it is treated promptly also, they must wear a verruca sock for swimming and footwear for PE lessons in the hall.

Key Dates for the next two weeks:

- Wed 24th May - Dress Up Day for Village Day Parade
- Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd June - Half Term
- Mon 5th June - Inset Day (school closed)
- Tues 6th June - School starts
- Wed 7th June - Singing Club to sing at United Reformed Church lunch club
- Wed 7th June - 7.00pm New Parent's Meeting (Sept 2017 Intake)

Kind regards

Marianne Brand