



# BLACKTHORNS COMMUNITY PRIMARY ACADEMY

## *NEWSLETTER – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017*

### **What's great at Blackthorns?**

- The children learning in the ALPS have been doing some great independent writing
- Children in classes 4T and 4H had a great (although very hot) trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace – thanks to the staff for organising this
- Class 1T enjoyed their river walk
- Class 2N have been doing some excellent Deadly 30 writing and have demonstrated some good knowledge of time in maths lessons
- Class 5D have been writing some very moving writing on the theme of silence
- Class 6J have been very successfully developing their Big Businesses, including some very confident pitches to the Dragons Den (Mrs Day, Mrs Reid and Mrs Brand)
- Class 6T have also been completing some very mature writing responses to the bravery displayed during the incredibly sad events at Grenfell Tower
- Class 3C have been conducting some independent research about sharks to support their class learning
- Key Stage 2 children have been working really hard in preparation for area sports next week
- The children enjoyed some exciting dance workshops this week
- Class 5D were all very confident when auditioning for the different parts in The Pirates of Penzance and have really impressed the professional singers that they are working with on the Gilbert and Sullivan project
- Class RH have been using animal legs to help with their adding after reading 'One is a snail, ten is a crab' together. They discovered that a spider, a duck and a snail is 11 feet!

### **Transition Sessions**

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July during the afternoons, the children will be spending the afternoons with their new teachers for next year. On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, they will be getting to know their new teachers and will be completing some tasks together. On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, we would like the children to prepare to present to their new teacher about what they would like to be when they grow up. More information will be sent out at the end of next week. This session will replace the 'Hobbies Afternoon' that we have run for several years.

### **Staffing information**

As some of you will already know, Mrs Hill will be leaving Blackthorns at the end of this academic year after three years here as part of our team. We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Hill, but wish her the very best with her new challenge from September.

We are very pleased to have appointed Miss Charley Thomas as our new Reception teacher. Miss Thomas has been teaching at a school in East Grinstead and has already met many of the children and parents that will be joining Blackthorns in September.

Information regarding teacher and support staff allocations will be sent out to parents prior to the first transition session.

**Open Morning Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017 9.15am to 11.30am** - You are warmly invited to our Open Morning on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. This is an informal opportunity for all parents, relatives and members of the community to come along and see the school in action! Please report to the hall where you will be asked to sign in and your child(ren) will be collected by a Year 6 child, they will then show you around the school and grounds. Refreshments will be

available all morning and there will also be an opportunity to sample hot school meals. We hope you will be able to come and look forward to welcoming you to Blackthorns.

### **Sports Day – Monday 10th July 2017**

You are invited to join us for Sports Day which takes place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. KS1 sports will be during the morning commencing at 9.30am finishing around 11.00am. KS2 will take place in the afternoon starting at 1.30pm and finishing at about 3.00pm. The children will be asked by their teacher to wear a coloured T-shirt according to which team they are in, please do not buy anything especially as we can improvise if necessary. It would be helpful if the children could wear their PE Kit to school in the morning. A decision will be made at 8.00am on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July if we need to cancel due to bad weather – a message will be written on the blackboards and also sent out by Parentmail. The reserve date is Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July when arrangements will be the same. **The school staff are responsible for the children during Sports' Day and will ensure that they have everything they need.**

### **Parking and driving around the academy**

A reminder to be considerate and safe when driving and parking in the roads around the academy. Please ensure that you do not block driveways, park on corners, park on the zigzag lines, or mount the pavement either to park or to get past another vehicle. The safety of our families is our biggest priority.

### **Key Dates for the next two weeks**

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Open Morning 9.15 – 11.30am
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Area Sports at Oathall CC
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Yr 2N Visit to Ardingly Reservoir
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Transition afternoon
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Yr 2N Art Gallery Visit (Methodist Church, Perrymount Road)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Yr 6J Big Businesses Trade Day 2
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	-	FOBs Summer Festival

Kind regards

*Marianne Brand*