



# BLACKTHORNS COMMUNITY PRIMARY ACADEMY

## *NEWSLETTER – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017*

### **Sporting Success**

Huge congratulations to Mr Tugwell and our wonderful Area Sports team on a great performance at Oathall last Thursday. Our children worked very hard for every point they won and we were delighted to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and to be awarded the small schools trophy for the fifth year in a row. Well done, Mr Tugwell and the whole team.

Unfortunately, following the event last Thursday, there are now discussions regarding whether it will run again next year for a variety of reasons. Despite being told not to, there were parents from the 8 schools involved that parked on the Oathall field and, when challenged by Oathall staff, some parents were verbally abusive. In addition, many parents did not remain in the parents' allocated area, which caused safeguarding concerns. Currently, the schools are considering ways in which the concerns can be addressed and this may result in the event not running next year, or parents not being invited to come and watch. As and when any decisions are made, I will keep you informed.

### **Annual Reports**

Annual reports will be sent out to parents next Friday. Please can you let us know if you require more than one report and if you would prefer for us to send the report through the post.

### **Transition Sessions**

Our children had their first transition sessions this week and spent an afternoon with their new teachers. These seemed to go very well and the children I spoke to enjoyed getting to know their teachers. The second session will take place next Tuesday, and this is the session where children will share their homework task about what they hope to be. We hope that they enjoy the preparation for this session and we're looking forward to hearing from them all about their hopes and dreams.

### **Leavers' Assembly**

All parents, friends and relatives are invited to our final assembly on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016 at 9.15am** (although space is limited as you can imagine). Following the assembly Year 6 parents are invited to stay for coffee and cake in the KS2 area. This is followed by a personal farewell to Year 6 when they will be presented with their leaving gift to which parents are also invited.

### **Building work during the holidays**

As I have mentioned previously, we will be having our very elderly roof replaced this summer and work on this should begin during the summer holidays. It will undoubtedly run into the Autumn Term and we will be keeping you updated regarding progress and anything you need to know regarding changes to the academy organisation during this time.

We will also be having some additional fencing installed during the holidays around the perimeter of the academy. This is to ensure the academy boundary is secure so that our children are as safe as possible.

Following a small mishap with a driver failing to put their handbrake on this week, we'll also be having one of our front gates replaced during the holidays!

### **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.

On these hot days, please also be considerate when arriving early at the academy. As tempting as it is to stay in your car with the engine running and the air conditioning on full power, please consider our residents and the children and families that have to breathe in the fumes.

### **Spare Clothing**

If anyone has any spare boys pants or socks we would be happy to receive them.

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

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Sports Day (details already sent out)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Oathall/Warden Park/Chailey Year 6 induction Day Transition Afternoon
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Reserve Sports Day Year 6 Performance to Parents
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Year 5 Performance to Parents
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Annual Reports being sent home FOBs Disco
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Year 1T and 3C Visit to Wakehurst Place
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Year 6 Visit to London Zoo
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	-	Leaver's Assembly 9.15am Last day of Term

Kind regards

*Marianne Brand*