



BLACKTHORNS COMMUNITY PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER – 3rd November 2017

What's Great at Blackthorns?

- Class RT have been doing some great painting and printing
- Class 1C completed some very high quality take-away tasks
- Class 2N have been doing some lovely learning about the Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark
- The children in Class 3C have really enjoyed and engaged well with their video game PE lessons
- Class 4H enjoyed their High Weald artefact handling session and have also really impressed Mrs Highton with their fantastic maths problem-solving
- Classes 5D and 5T had a wonderful residential trip
- Class 6J have been writing some very high quality Isle of Wight reports, using some sophisticated language
- Children in the Alps have been completing some impressive sustained writing

Harvest Service

Thank you very much for your support when we held our Harvest Service at All Saints Church before half term. It was a really lovely service and we were very pleased to be joined by Ian from Crawley Open House. Following his talk, we received a huge amount of donations for Crawley Open House (including lots of chocolate fingers!) and all of this has now been collected and is being put to good use for the many people that benefit from the work that Crawley Open House does with the community.

Sayers Croft

Both Year 5 classes had a very successful and enjoyable residential trip to Sayers Croft earlier this week. They took part in a wide range of activities, including a ropes course, hike, caving, archery, orienteering and many other things. The children developed team skills, worked with lots of different children and many faced new challenges and fears. We were really proud of them and the sensible way they tackled every activity. There are lots of photos on the academy website, please have a look and see some of the great things we got up to.

'Show Racism the Red Card' education event

Mr Tugwell and I were delighted to take ten children from Years 5 and 6 to the Amex before half term to take part in an anti-racism education event, alongside 7 other schools. The children took part in a range of workshop activities and then had the opportunity to meet first team manager, Chris Hughton, and women's squad members Laura Rafferty and Ini-Abasi Umotong. They were also given the opportunity to ask questions of the panel and Anna in Class 5D won a t-shirt and mini football for asking a very good question. This was an excellent event to attend and the children really enjoyed it.

Admissions: Have your say

We are consulting on our arrangements for admission to our academy from September 2019. Please see the University of Brighton Academies Trust website for further details and send us your feedback by Monday 11 December 2017 (<http://www.brightonacademiestrust.org.uk/about/haveyoursay>)

Location Location Location Theme Week

We are very excited to be holding a Geography/field studies theme week during week beginning 13th November 2017. There are lots of exciting events planned which will involve the children further developing geographical skills, within the local area. We will be taking the children out into the local area during the week, which is covered by the local visits consent forms. If any parents or carers have any resources or expertise that they would be willing to

share during this week, we would really appreciate it. We may also need some parent helpers to come on visits around the local area with us. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help at all.

We would like to invite parents to join us at 2.30pm – 2.55pm on Friday 17th November to share the children's learning from the week with them. Please come to the main entrance.

Tempest Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on **Monday 20th November 2017** to take individual and family group portraits. If parents would like pre-school children photographed as a family group (parents may be included) then please just turn up at 8.15am. You are not obliged to purchase any photographs.

Poppies

Poppies will be on sale in school next week. Some Year 6 children will go to each class during the day.

Swimming

Is anyone able to go into the pool with Year 1C from 9.00am to 9.30am to help promote confidence and independence in the water? All volunteers must have a DBS check and completed the Child Protection Training. Please let Mrs Day or Mrs Cheeseman know if you are able to help.

Christmas Service

Due to the last day of term being a Wednesday this year we have changed our Christmas Service to Friday 15th December at 2.00pm. Please put this date in your diary. Further details to follow in due course.

Key Dates for the next two weeks:

Monday 6 th November	-	9.30am Open morning (Sept 2018 intake) 1.45pm Open Afternoon (Sept 2018 intake) Parent/Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 8 th November	-	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Thursday 9 th November	-	Year 6 to Newhaven Fort
Friday 10 th November	-	KS2 Film Friday
Week Beginning 13 th November	-	Theme Week
Friday 17 th November	-	Parents invited into school 2.30 – 2.55pm (see above)

Kind regards

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