



# BLACKTHORNS COMMUNITY PRIMARY ACADEMY

## **NEWSLETTER – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

### **Ofsted Inspection**

As you will know, we were inspected this week by Ofsted. This was a one day Section 8 inspection. The outcome will be published on the Ofsted website when the report has undergone the wide range of checks that need to be completed. This is expected in approximately 3 weeks and we will, of course, notify you when this has been published. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you very much for the many messages of support that we received on Wednesday and Thursday. The children were an absolute credit to our academy throughout the inspection and I felt incredibly proud to be part of Team Blackthorns.

### **Phone System**

We now have a fully functioning shiny new telephone system at last! Therefore, the academy mobile phones will not be used as we should be contactable through the normal academy landline. Thank you very much for your patience during the last few weeks.

### **Easter Service – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 at All Saints Church, Lindfield**

Our Easter service will be taking place **at All Saints Church on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 at 9.20am** to which you are warmly invited. Please could all children be dropped off at the Tiger Room **by 8.55am, but not before 8.45am**. Please ensure that children **are not dropped off in the All Saints car park** and expected to walk to the Tiger Room alone. The doors to the church will not be opened until 8.50am, so please do not try to drop your children off before the times stated above as there will not be adequate numbers of staff to supervise them. If anyone is able to walk the children back with us please let the class teacher know (each class will need 5/6 helpers). For safety reasons, as for previous services, we request that **only two adults per family** attend the service. At the Christmas Service this request was not adhered to. We will be relying on our families' goodwill and honesty in complying with this request to avoid tickets being issued for future services at the church. A reminder that this event at All Saints is a service and not a concert. The service will focus on the Christian festival of Easter. Should you wish to withdraw your child from this event, please speak to Mrs Brand.

### **DBS Checks**

We are fortunate to have a very supportive group of parents who are happy to help and support the academy in a range of ways. In order to accompany classes on school trips, volunteers must hold an enhanced DBS check. There is no charge for volunteers to do this. The DBS check must be completed through the school office, even if you already have a DBS clearance for another reason. In order to help and support in school, we also ask volunteers to take part in child protection training for volunteers. There is a training session planned for **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 9.15-10.30am**. Please confirm with Mrs Day if you would like to attend this session.

### **Key Dates**

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Year 4H visit to Seven Sisters
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	-	Year RT visit to Drusillas Years 5D & 5T visit to London
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	-	Easter Assembly – details above
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Year 2N visit to Chessington Last Day of Spring Term
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	-	School closed for INSET
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	-	First Day of Summer Term

Kind regards  
*Marianne Brand*