

NEWS FROM BLACKTHORNS



BLACKTHORNS
COMMUNITY
PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Welcome Back!

I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and enjoyed some quality family time together. We were certainly very lucky to enjoy beautiful weather for most of the summer.

A big thank you to all of you, on behalf of everybody at Blackthorns, for the many thoughtful and very generous gifts that we all received at the end of last year. These are always hugely appreciated.

NEW TOILETS

We are very pleased to report that all of the toilets within the main academy building have been refurbished during the summer holidays. This was a very big project, which was only just completed before the children returned to school, but we are all very pleased with our shiny new toilets! In the entrance hall, the ladies toilets have also been refurbished and the gents toilets has been changed into a gents and disabled toilet and changing station. A big thank you to Mr Davis for overseeing the project during the holidays.



What's Great?

- Class RN – home visits have gone very well
- Class 1S – painted pebbles from Hansel and Gretel (to be used as registration stones throughout the year)
- Class 2C – children have settled very well; excellent take-away tasks.
- Class 3C – children have settled well into KS2
- Class 4H – lovely start to timelines and understanding chronology
- Class 5T – take-away tasks – modern Greece. Nice variety and quality.
- Class 6D – 'Conflict' write inspired project; mature responses with language and modelling
- Class 6J – take away tasks – and initial responses to Write Inspired project 'Conflict'



Class 6D's wonderful 'Conflict' writing

PLEASE ENSURE
THAT YOUR CHILD
HAS THEIR PE KIT
IN SCHOOL EVERY
DAY

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 footballers, who performed brilliantly in their opening fixture of the season against Harlands. Mr Tugwell was very pleased with the work-rate and poten-

DRUM LESSONS

There are currently some vacancies for children to learn the drums in school. Lessons are of a very high quality and are delivered by tutors from the Sussex Academy of Music. Go to www.sussexmusic.com for more information.



ACTIVITY ZONE!

Work begins on Monday on our exciting new 'Activity Zone', which will be in the area of grass beyond the Key Stage 1 playground. Mr Jordan has sent a separate letter regarding arrangements for drop-off and collection while the Key Stage 1 playground is out of use. Thank you to the FOBs for funding this exciting addition to our academy site.



KEY DATES

- 19th Sept:** FOBs Meeting (7.30pm)
- 1st–5th Oct:** Year 6 to Little Canada, Isle of Wight
- 8th Oct:** 4H to Ashdown Forest
- 9th Oct:** 3C to Bluebell Railway
- 10th Oct:** Harvest Festival day (note there will be no service at the church. Children will take part in activities in school instead)
- 10th Oct:** FOBs AGM
- 11th Oct:** 5T to British Museum
- 12th Oct:** FOBs 'Blingo' night
- 15th Oct:** Parents Consultation Meeting (3.30-6.30pm)
- 16th Oct:** Open day for prospective parents (9.30am and 1.45pm)
- 17th Oct:** School photographs (individual and families)

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- 19th Oct:** INSET Day (academy closed)
- 29th Oct:** Academy re-opens after half term
- 1st Nov:** Open morning for prospective parents (9.30am)
- 5th-9th Nov:** World War 1 Week
- 7th-9th Nov:** 5T to Sayers Croft
- 3rd-7th Dec:** Year 6 Bikeability
- 11th Dec:** EYFS/ Key Stage 1 nativity
- 12th Dec:** EYFS/ Key Stage 1 nativity
- 14th Dec:** Christmas Jumper Day
- 18th Dec:** Panto day. Years 5 and 6 to 'Sleeping Beauty' in Horsham, EYFS-Year 4 'Peter Pan' in school
- 19th Dec:** Last day of Autumn Term