

NEWS FROM BLACKTHORNS



**BLACKTHORNS
COMMUNITY
PRIMARY ACADEMY**

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DESPERATELY SEEKING A TREASURER! CAN YOU HELP???

At our recent FOBs Annual General Meeting, we were unable to appoint a new Treasurer.

This is a very important role within our PTA and we are now desperately seeking a new

Treasurer for the 2018/19 academic year. This role may require less time or expertise

than you might expect, so please come and speak to us about it.

Either Jo Timcke (Chair of FOBs) or myself will happily talk to any

interested parties through the different elements of the role. Our

PTA makes such a huge difference for our academy and our children,

so please help us to continue with the excellent work that is

done for our children.



What's Great?

Class 2C had a wonderful Harvest Day. They made bread, wrote acrostic poems and made leaf rubbings.

Class 15 also enjoyed Harvest Day and responded creatively with music and artwork.

Class 4H really enjoyed their Ashdown Forest trip. The weather was beautiful, they worked well in teams and engaged fully in their outdoor learning.

Class 3C really enjoyed their trip to the Bluebell Railway and learnt lots of new information.

Mrs Jago has been very impressed with 6J's general attitude towards their learning since they returned from the Isle of Wight.

For Harvest Day, Class 6D took part in some learning linked to the women's land army.

Class 5T created a word cloud and related artwork after reading an extract from 'Farm Boy' linked to harvest.



PARKING

Please can I remind you again to drive and park safely and considerately around our academy.

There have been several incidences of inconsiderate, illegal and dangerous parking recently.

Keep up-to-date with events at Blackthorns through
Twitter (@blackthornspri) or our
Facebook group.



KEY DATES

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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18th Oct: Macmillan Coffee Morning (details to be sent)

19th Oct: INSET Day (academy closed)

29th Oct: Academy re-opens after half term

1st Nov: Open morning for prospective parents (9.30am)

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YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL—LITTLE CANADA

Our Year 6 children had a memorable and enjoyable residential trip to Little Canada in the Isle of Wight last week. The weather was kind and the adults on the trip all commented on how brilliant the whole year group was throughout the week. They all engaged well in the different activities and learnt so much about themselves, as well as making new friends across the two classes. I would like to thank the staff for accompanying this trip and making these wonderful opportunities possible for our children. Each year we can only run residential trips if we have enough staff that are willing to participate and take the time away from their own families. We are so lucky that they have always done this so willingly as they value the experience for the children. I am sure that the children have come home full of stories to share with their families. The blog of the week is available in the news section of our academy website.



Tempest Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 17th October 2018 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 come to the academy hall at 8.15am. You are not obliged to purchase any photographs.

SOME THANK YOUS

Recently Viv Cole has stepped down as a member of our Local Board, having supported the academy in this role for several years. We have always really appreciated Viv's support of the academy and the excellent advice he has given in his role as Chair of our Finance committee.

Also, at the recent FOBs AGM, we said farewell and thank you to some of our dedicated committee members. Particular thanks to Sarah Cole who stepped down from Chair of FOBs, Sam Cox who stepped down as Treasurer and Clare Iles who stepped down as secretary. All have freely given their time and energy over a number of years and we thank them for everything they have done for our academy.

I am delighted to report that Jo Timcke has now become the new Chair of FOBs, with Sarah Muirhead-Smith taking on the Secretary role. Thanks also to those hard-working parents that have committed themselves to another year on the FOBs committee!

HARVEST DAY

In a change to our traditional Harvest Service at All Saints, the children celebrated 'Harvest Day' in school. We are collecting some photographs to share on our website. We are also collecting food, toiletries and dog food for Crawley Open House and this collection will continue in the academy office until the end of Tuesday 16th October.

You are warmly invited to join us for our Macmillan Coffee morning on Thursday 18th October 2018, organised by the School Council. Any leftover cakes will be sold after school on this day.

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