



Blackhall Primary School

I would like to start by saying a huge welcome back to you all. It has been lovely to see the children come back to school looking so smart in their uniforms with huge smiles on their faces. The children are settling well into their school routine and it is fantastic to hear the happiness, laughter and chatter on the school yard at break times.

Please find below some important information regarding this school year. This will be the last paper copy of the newsletter that we send out as in future they will be sent via ParentMail.

As always, if you have any queries or issues, please do not hesitate to speak to me on the school yard or pop in to the school office.

*Yours faithfully,
Mrs R. Leonard
Head Teacher*

Fundraising

A huge thank you again for your generous contributions to our fundraising event last term. We have since received more sponsor money which increases the total money raised to £3697.15. I am delighted to tell you that we have used all of this money towards the cost of a class set of iPads which all of your children will benefit from. The iPads were delivered this week and are currently being set up ready for the children to use.

Parental Questionnaire

Thank you for the fantastic response we received from you with the parental questionnaire. I am delighted with the many positive responses and feedback we have received. Lots of parents did comment on the range of after school clubs that we provide. Therefore, we have included with this letter a list of clubs that we are going to offer throughout this academic year.

Well done to Jenson in Year 3 who was selected at random to receive a £20 Asda voucher.

Attendance

As you know, good school attendance plays a vital role in children's wellbeing and their education, ensuring that their current learning needs are being met but also building their future ability to learn.

Some pupils find it harder than others to attend school and therefore at all stages of improving attendance, the school and partners will work with pupils and parents to remove any barriers to attendance by building strong and trusting relationships and working together to put the right support in place.

Please can we ask that your children attend school every day unless they are ill or attending a medical appointment. If you are having difficulties with getting your child in to school, please speak to a member of staff who will support you.

In school, we will be introducing a weekly attendance league as well as offering prizes for children with good attendance each half term.

After School Clubs

Attached to this newsletter you can see the list of after school clubs we will be offering this academic year. You will receive more information about the clubs for this term via ParentMail next week.

Educational Visits

As promised, attached to this newsletter is also a list of educational visits that we have planned for each year group across the academic year. Careful consideration has been given to these visits in order to ensure that costs are kept to a minimum whilst also giving children the best experiences possible.

As a school we have subsidised the costings in all year groups and therefore, the contribution we need for your child to attend all of the visits will come to £10 per term. Like we did in the summer term, you can pay this by making little and often amounts onto ParentPay across each term. All visits will be added to ParentPay in the next week. The costing for the Year 6 visits is slightly less than £30 as this does not include the residential that is planned for later in the year.

More information about each individual trip will be sent out by your child's class teacher nearer the time.

Applying for a Primary School Place for September 2023

The deadline for applications for applying for Reception in September 2023 is 15th January 2023. More information can be found on our school website.

Applying for a Secondary Place for September 2023

All parents and carers of pupils in Year 6 should have received a letter regarding secondary school place applications. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2022.

Dates for you Diary

Trip dates will be confirmed by your child's class teacher

Event	Date	Year Group
Church Visit	20 th September	Nursery - Morning children and 30 hour children
Blackberry Picking	28 th September	Nursery - Afternoon children
Macmilan Coffee Morning	30 th September	Whole School
World Mental Health Day	10 th October	Whole School
Parents Evening	11 th & 12 th October	Whole School
Halloween Disco	21 st October	Whole School
PD Day	31 st October	School Closed
Remembrance Day	11 th November	Reception to Year 6
Children in Need	18 th November	Whole School
Anti-Bullying Week	14 th – 18 th November	Reception to Year 6
Carol Service	13 th December	Year 1 to Year 6
Pantomime	14 th December	Year 1 to Year 6
Christmas Lunch	15 th December	Whole School
Year 3 Nativity – 2pm	15 th December	Year 3
Reception Nativity – 2pm	16 th December	Reception