



Blowers Green Primary Newsletter

January 2017 (5)

I HOPE YOU ALL HAD A GOOD HOLIDAY AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO EVERYONE

OFSTED NEWS

As you are probably aware, Blowers Green had an **OFSTED** inspection in November of last year. We are absolutely delighted that the report shows that we are an **OUTSTANDING** school. Thank you to everyone - our governors, staff, parents and last but not least our children, whose work and behaviour throughout the inspection was outstanding in itself. Please find below a few key points from the report:

- *Blowers Green has improved further since its last inspection and is now outstanding.*
- *The proportion of pupils who achieve the expected standards by the time they leave in Year 6 is well above national levels.*
- *Leadership is highly effective at all times.*
- *Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is strong throughout the school.*
- *The school's mission statement 'united in learning' and the mantra 'every second counts' underpin all that staff do.*
- *Governors are highly skilled and knowledgeable.*

The full report can be found on the school website www.blowers.dudley.sch.uk.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS! This was listed as an area for improvement in the Ofsted report. We do encourage children to come into school every day as children with the best attendance make the most progress each year - *every day missed will impact on your child's learning.*



SNOW! Just a reminder that in the event of heavy snow, school closures will be announced on BRMB and Heart FM, as well as appearing on the front pages of the Dudley MBC and school's own website. Parents will also be notified by a text message so please ensure that we have your most up to date mobile telephone number. **We aim to make a decision by 8.00am.**

We would also like to thank you for your kind and generous donations for the Salvation Army. The food will now be distributed to people in our local community who rely on these donations.



Watch out for details of the special '**PARTY THEMED LUNCHTIME PLUS RAFFLE**' we are holding for the children on Thursday 19 January. Please encourage your child/ren to stay for lunch on this day as it will help the school to secure the funding needed to carry on with the work we do to ensure pupils make lots of progress. Details to be sent out shortly.

We currently have a vacancy for a PARENT GOVERNOR. Skills required:-

- Links with the community
- An interest in fundraising activities
- Commitment to attend 6-12 meetings per year (including evenings).

Note:- Parent governors are appointed for a period of four years, irrespective of whether their children remain in school during that period.

If you are interested, please contact the school office for an application form. Closing date, Monday 30 January 2017.



School Council are leading a special assembly on the topic of **HEALTHY EATING** as we are still working hard to promote this in school.

The assembly will be held on Thursday 2nd February at 9.00am. All parents are invited to this assembly and we look forward to seeing you there!



NOTE : OUR SCHOOL OFFICE IS OPEN EACH DAY FROM 8.30AM - 4.00PM. Pupil absences or any other message can be left via the telephone answering machine and will be actioned by the office staff during office

hours.

DIARY DATES (*provisional - may be subject to change*)

16 February	Advance Notice : INSET DAY (school closed for children)
02 March	World Book Day
29-30 March	Parents' Evenings 3.30-5.00pm

TERM DATES

20-24 February	Half Term
07 April	Break up for the Holidays
24 April	School reopens
01 May	May Day Bank Holiday
29 May-02 June	Half Term