



Blowers Green Primary Newsletter

July 2017 (9)

SATs results - the School continues to maintain the very high standard achieved in previous years - well done children!

Message from Mr McAneny, School Governor

Summer is always a busy time at Blowers Green: preparing for tests, planning educational visits, sports days and productions. Governors wish to thank all our children's parents and carers for their support.

Summer is also an opportunity to make use of the outdoor environment in school for both learning and fun. Governors and staff are keen to develop areas within the school grounds that can encourage a range of activities and exploration which, with your support, will further develop the school's healthy living initiatives.

As you may already know, one of our parent Governors, Mrs Janjua, has been raising funds for a defibrillator which will be placed in school. Donations from our children's fundraising activities, has now raised a grand total of £730.00 towards this defibrillator - thank you to everyone who has helped to support this venture.

Governors are pleased that everyone at Blowers Green is working well to maintain the 'outstanding' standards confirmed by OFSTED. Indeed, Local Authority representatives have recently visited and concluded that 'progress of younger children is great' at Blowers Green; they commented that pupils' books were 'excellent'. Over 90% of pupils are making better than expected progress. Great news!

Governors make several visits and often comment on the high standard of pupils' writing displayed throughout the school. It is lovely to see that the sun shines brightly at Blowers Green - parents, carers, pupils and staff should all be feeling very proud of these achievements.

End of the school year is a time for transition and everyone at Blowers Green should be feeling confident in moving on and looking forward to the challenges of Autumn.

J. McAneny, School Governor



As the summer holidays approach it is important that the following **WATER SAFETY ADVICE** is conveyed to your children:-

'For your own safety, please choose to swim at your local swimming pool where lifeguards are on duty. Remember- there are no lifeguards at quarries, lakes, reservoirs, canals or rivers'

NEW YEAR - NEW CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER

Nursery : Mrs Strode

Reception : Mrs Macdonald : Foundation Stage Manager

Class 1 : Miss H Walker

Class 2 : Mrs Edmonds/Mrs Francis (job share)

Class 3 : Mr Smith

Class 4 : Miss Ford

Class 5 : Mrs Williams

Class 6 : Miss Stringer

STAFF NEWS: I am sure you will join me in welcoming Miss Stringer, who will be starting with us in September. She will be the teacher in Class 6. We also have two temporary members of staff, Mrs Strode and Mrs Williams, who will be joining us in Nursery and Class 5 for one term until permanent appointments are made.

We will also be saying goodbye to the following members of staff: **Miss Williamson**, Class 6 teacher and **Mr Harrison**, Assistant Headteacher, are both moving to take up senior positions at schools in another borough. **Mr Dunbar**, Class 5 teacher is moving to a bigger school in order to widen his teaching experience. **Miss Meads**, Class 2 teacher, has taken a part time teaching position at a nursery in a neighbouring borough. Thank you to all these members of staff for their time and commitment to Blowers Green Primary School - we wish them every success and happiness for the future.

GOVERNORS' CHARGING POLICY - It is important that you familiarise yourself with our Governors' Charging Policy, particularly the part which refers to the charge for late collection of children from school at the end of the day which will be applied from September 2017. School ends at 3.15pm at which time all pupils should be collected. If you are late on more than one occasion or we begin to see a pattern emerging then your child will be initially placed in the care of one of our staff. This will be at a cost of £12 per child and in addition to this, further charges could be incurred. A full copy of the policy can be found on the Blowers Green' website www.blowers.dudley.sch.uk.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS! From September 2017 the attendance policy will be updated, and available for you to view on our school website. May we please remind you:

- Each and every day that the school is open for registration, pupils are expected to attend school unless your child is too ill to attend.
- You must inform the school if your child is going to be absent from school.
- If your child's attendance falls below 93% the school will request medical evidence to authorise any further absence.
- Where possible medical appointments should be made outside of the school day.
- The Governors of this school have made the decision that holidays taken during term time will not be authorised, irrespective of the child's overall attendance.
- If you intend to take leave in term time you must complete a Holiday Notification Form, available at the office.
- Extended leave exceeding 10 sessions (5 school days) will be referred to the Education Investigation Service to request a Fixed Penalty Notice.

CONCERNS ABOUT A CHILD? Should you have any concerns about a child during the Summer holidays, you can call Dudley Council's Children's Social Care Department on 0300 555 0050 (out of hours telephone no. is 0300 555 8574).

KEY TERM DATES

21 July	Class 6 Bowling Trip Children break up for the Summer Holidays
24 July	INSET DAY for Staff
25 July	INSET DAY for Staff
05 September	Children return
23-27 October	Half Term
20 December	Children break up for Christmas

AND FINALLY - GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK - we would like to wish our **YEAR 6 PUPILS** every success as they move on to high school. Our local MP, Ian Austin will be joining us for their **Leavers' Assembly on Friday 21 July at 9.00am. Please do try and join us and bring the tissues - you will be needing them!**



A full copy of our **SCHOOL UNIFORM** list is available for parents to view on our website. Just a reminder that due to limited space and for health and safety issues could we please ask that children only bring their book bag and a small lunch box to school each day. They will also need to have their PE kit in school to take part in PE lessons.



**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER BREAK - ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAYS
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OVER THE PAST YEAR.
SEE YOU ON TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER FOR THE START OF THE NEW ACADEMIC
YEAR.**