




Blowers Green Primary Newsletter

September 2017 (1)

WELCOME BACK to the New School Year. I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer holiday and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new school year ahead. A warm welcome is extended to our new families and I hope that your child's time at Blowers Green will be a happy one. The children all look extremely smart in their school uniforms - a big thank you to parents for your support with this. Please make sure you name ALL items of clothing so that they don't get mixed up! Could we please ask that families work with us to ensure that all children come to school appropriately dressed in their school uniform. From September the price for a sweatshirt will be £7, cardigan £8 and royal blue polo shirts for PE, £1.50 - I'm sure that you will agree that these prices still provide excellent value for money



 The children look fabulous and so does school! We must say a big thank you to Mr Cooksey, our caretaker, and the various workmen who have been hard at work in school during the Summer holidays. We have had the playground resurfaced, classrooms refurbished so that they are clean and fresh for the new school year, new circular dining room tables, the hall floor repolished and lastly new play equipment for KS1.

Our SATs results last term were very pleasing - see tables below. Details are also available on our website www.blowers.dudley.sch.uk

Key Stage Two Results 2017		
	% of Blowers Green pupils who achieved the expected standard	% of pupils Nationally who achieved the expected standard
Reading	90	71
Writing	83	76
Maths	90	75
Spelling Punctuation and Grammar	86	77
Key Stage Two Combined Results 2017		
% of Blowers Green pupils who achieved the expected standard in all subjects (Reading, Writing and Maths)	% of pupils Nationally who achieved the expected standard in all subjects (Reading, Writing and Maths)	
79	61	

WELL DONE BOYS AND GIRLS!

Parents on Your Side (POYS) meetings are taking place as we speak! We will keep you informed of dates and times.

STAFF NEWS - LOTS OF PEOPLE HAVE MOVED AROUND THIS TERM

(below is a list of where you can find each class teacher)

Nursery	Mrs Sprode (Autumn Term)
Reception	Mrs Macdonald (Strategic Leader for Foundation Stage)
Class 1	Miss Walker
Class 2	Mrs Francis/Mrs Edmonds
Class 3	Mr Smith
Class 4	Miss Ford
Class 5	Mrs Williams (Autumn Term)
Class 6	Miss Swingler

(Miss Chambers will be working across school providing support to classes throughout the year.)



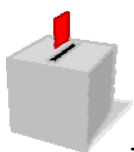
GOVERNORS' CHARGING POLICY - It is important that you familiarise yourself with our *Governors' Charging Policy*, particularly the part which refers to the charge for late collection of children from school at the end of the day, which will be applied from September 2017. School ends at 3.15pm at which 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.

From 11th September, the price of a school meal will be £2.30 (£11.50 per week). If you think that your child/ren are entitled to **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**, please enquire at the school office for details.



ALLERGY WARNING - we have children in school with severe allergies to various foods, for example, nuts. We would, therefore, ask parents to avoid sending items that may contain nuts into school either as a snack or as part of their lunchbox.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS! It is important that you take a look at our *School Attendance Policy* which has been updated and is available for you to view on our school website.



You may have noticed that we have a box in the reception area (just next to the office window) for your comments, suggestions and compliments. Our *Governors* welcome any feedback you give so please use the box for this purpose.

SCHOOL RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

I am delighted to announce that Blowers Green Primary School has been awarded 'The Primary Geography Silver Quality Mark'. The quality of the geography curriculum, progress of pupils and learning and teaching have all been highly praised by the National Moderation Team.

The school's bespoke curriculum was commended for meeting the specific needs and interests of the pupils.

PRIVACY NOTICE : DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998 - Blowers Green Primary School are the data controllers for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. . If you require more information about how the school stores and uses your information, then please go to the school website:www.blowers.dudley.sch.uk (**Information : Policies**)

SAFEGUARDING - The Designated Safeguarding Leads in school are Mrs Adams and Mrs Sehmbi.

Reminder! If you have any concerns about a child, you can call Dudley Council's Children's Social Care Department on 0300 555 0050 (out of hours 0300 555 8574).

Alternatively you can call Childline, telephone no. 0800 1111

SECONDARY TRANSFER : Remember the deadline date for secondary school applications is **31 October 2017**.

PRIMARYSCHOOL ADMISSIONS: The deadline for Reception Class applications is **15 January 2018**. For help/information please tel. 0300 555 2345.

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

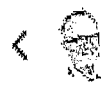
10 October	Whole school photographs (details to follow)
23-27 October	Half Term
22 November	Parents' Evening (details to follow)
20 December	School closes for Christmas



IMPORTANT! PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL (MOBILE CCTV)

A reminder to all parents that the Police are being extra vigilant about parking. As you may have seen in the newspapers, the council's parking enforcement team are now deploying mobile CCTV to keep children safe outside schools. This runs alongside the current foot patrols and will be used to enforce the no stopping restrictions on yellow 'keep clear' zig zags.

Excerpt from Ian Austin's Facebook Page following his visit to Blowers Green Primary School Leavers' Assembly



Ian Austin MP
21 July · 🌐



It was such a pleasure to take part in Blowers Green Primary School's leavers' assembly today.

It's always fantastic to be able to celebrate young people's hard work and success but I think it's the third time I've been to Blowers Green this year and I always come away so impressed with what headteacher Mrs Sehmbi and her team have achieved.

Look at last year's SAT results and you'll see Blowers Green achieved the best results of any school in the entire borough - better than schools in Stourbridge or Halesowen.

And this year's Ofsted inspection saw the school awarded outstanding in all areas.

I think achievements like that are absolutely stunning and the whole community should be really proud of Mrs Sehmbi and her colleagues.

I keep saying we need to make education our number one priority - not just to give youngsters a first class start but to attract new investment, new industries and new jobs and to help adults get new jobs too.

That's why it's always great to see a local school doing such brilliant work.

