



## Blowers Green Primary Newsletter

November 2017 (2)

We were all very pleased with our SATs results last term. Details are available for you to view on our website [www.blowers.dudley.sch.uk](http://www.blowers.dudley.sch.uk)

**WELL DONE TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS IN LAST YEAR'S CLASS 6!**

**STAFF NEWS** We said a sad farewell to Mrs Gregory before half term, who after 13 years of service to the school, in her capacity as the school office manager, made the decision to retire. We wish Mrs Gregory all the very best in her well-earned retirement. We will be welcoming Mrs Garrett who will take up the post of School Business Manager, working alongside Mrs Smith in the office.

**REMINDER:** the school office is open (Mon-Thurs) 8.15 a.m.-4.15 p.m. and (Fri) 8.15 a.m.-3.45 p.m.



The **CHILDREN IN NEED** appeal this year takes place on the 17<sup>th</sup> November. In order to support this event, we would like the children to wear a spotty accessory with their uniform, for example, headband, scarf, socks or tie. Children are asked to donate £1.00 which will go direct to Children in Need.



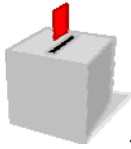
**PARENTS' EVENINGS** this term will be held on Wednesday 22 November from 5.00pm - 8.00pm. Letters will be sent out shortly.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS:** The deadline for Reception Class applications is **16 January 2018**. For help/information please tel. 01384 814223.



**Artsmark  
Gold Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

**ARTS MARK AWARD 2017** We are delighted to announce that the school has been successful in achieving the Arts Mark Gold Award. This award recognises the school's outstanding Art's provision. This is a huge achievement particularly as the school did not previously hold any kind of award and to achieve the highest level of recognition is quite an achievement! This award sits very nicely with other awards the school holds, namely; The Geography Quality Mark Silver Level, Physical Education Silver Award, St John's First Aid Award, Eco School's Bronze Award, ICT Becta Mark.



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.

**STOP PRESS: IMPORTANT: FREE SCHOOL MEALS - please apply** - if you receive certain benefits you are eligible for free school meals. Even if you do not wish to take up the free meal (your child can still bring sandwiches!) - You can still fill in the form and confirm your eligibility, the school will receive lots of additional funding called 'Pupil Premium'. We spend all of this money on improving the provision for the children. Likewise, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and is receiving the universal free infant meal - PLEASE fill in a free school meals form so that we can access the PUPIL PREMIUM for your child. We receive £1320 for each pupil premium child for the 6 years that they are with us so we really need you to apply if you think you could be eligible. Thank you for helping us to access these valuable funds.



**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.

**SAFEGUARDING** - The Designated Safeguarding Leads in school are Mrs Adams, Mrs Sehmbi and Miss Parkes.

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



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

07 November	<b>Class 6</b> Pioneer Centre
09 November	<b>Class 3</b> Stone Age Workshop Conkers
22 November	Parents Evening
05 December	<b>Class 1 and 2</b> Cannon Hill Theatre
<b>13 December</b>	<b>Key Stage 1</b> Production
20 December	Christmas Parties and <b>end of school term</b>
03 January	<b>School reopens</b> for Spring Term