



**Blowers Green Primary
Newsletter December 2017**

Dear Parents

Governors note:

It has been another excellent term with much for our school community to be proud of! Thank you for all you do to get your children to school on time every day, smartly dressed and ready to learn. When governors walk around school we always notice what wonderful learners we have.

We are rightly proud of the outstanding academic record of our school; we all know how important it is for our pupils to master the core curriculum of reading, writing and maths. Here at Blowers Green we know that many other things are important too in order for our children to enjoy life and make the most of their talents. The governors are delighted that our school has recently been awarded the Arts Mark Gold Award in recognition of our commitment to the Arts and the high level of staff expertise in this area. We have also been awarded the Silver Level Primary Geography Quality Mark. It takes a lot of hard work, enthusiasm and commitment to achieve such demanding awards, a real team effort is required – our thanks to all involved.

We are a welcoming school and want all who visit, including parents, to feel valued and safe here. It goes without saying that we want happy children who also feel safe. It is most important that everyone, young and old, behave well. It doesn't happen very often but disagreements between parents, on school grounds, upset our children and should not happen; any problems please make an appointment to see a member of staff.

Thank you for your co-operation with collecting children on time at the end of the school day. Staff and children appreciate this.

On behalf of our school Governing Body may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful holiday

Pat Hazlehurst (Vice chair)



SNOW! We apologise for an inconvenience caused due to the school closure on Monday 11th December. A decision to close school is never taken lightly. Thank you for your support and understanding with this. **A special mention goes to Mr Cooksey and his family who worked tirelessly to clear the school site making it safe for everyone, staff and children attending school today.**

In the event of snow, parents will be notified by a text message whether the school remains open, or will be closed. **We aim to make a decision by 8.00am. Please ensure that we have your most up to date mobile telephone number.** School closures will also be announced on Free Radio as well as appearing on the front pages of the Dudley MBC and school's own website.

This year our staff and children have raised £104.00 for **Children in Need**. We are awaiting a final figure for the **Poppy Appeal**.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE to those children who have managed to be in school every day this term. As a reward for 100% attendance the children will take part in a film experience in school. Refreshments will be provided.



'EARLY MORNING LEARNING LOUNGE' - Why not send your child to Learning Lounge for just £1 per session? Staff are available to help the children to complete their homework and challenges. If your child receives pupil premium funding, he/she can attend a **FREE session**, once per week. Learning Lounge times are 7.45-8.45am. Please see Miss Parkes for details.



DON'T FORGET! - **Month of May = SATs** - Children in Year 6 will be taking their SATs during week commencing **Monday 14 May 2018**. These are very important tests so it is essential that your child is in school, and on time, throughout the week.



PARTY DAY for the children is being held on Wednesday 20th December. Children can come to school in their party clothes (sensible footwear and no jewellery please!) **Reminder: the Nursery will be closed on the morning of the 20 December - children will be joining the Reception Class for their party in the afternoon, starting at 1.15 p.m.**

FOUNDATION STAGE & KS1 PRODUCTION will take place on Wednesday 13 December at 9am. Please come along!

PARENTS EVENING - It was great to see so many parents at this term's parents evening. Your support and attendance is vital at these evenings and we appreciate all the positive feedback given to the staff. Working together really does make a difference to your child's progress!

PARENT SURVERY - Thank you to all parents who kindly completed the survey. Your feedback is very important to us. We will feedback the outcomes of the survey throughout this academic year.

ATTENDANCE- Red, Amber or Green? - We hope you found the attendance information given out on parents evening useful. We will do this regularly in order to help you monitor your child's attendance. When in school, 'Every Second Counts!'

STAFF NEWS We say farewell to Mrs Hubble, a member of our dedicated cleaning team who will be leaving Blowers Green at the end of term. We wish Mrs Hubble all the very best for the future. We are delighted to say that at the start of next term, we will be welcoming a new member of staff to the senior leadership team. Mr Dan Thompson who will take up the post of Strategic Leader (KS2). I am sure that you will make Mr Thompson feel very welcome as he commences his new post.

TERM DATES

Wednesday 20 December
Tuesday 2 January 2018
Wednesday 3 January 2018
Monday 15 January
19-23 February
Monday 26 February
Tuesday 27 February
Thursday 01 March
Thursday 29 March
Monday 16 April

Children break up for the Christmas holidays
Training day for staff (school closed to pupils)
Children return
Closing date for primary school applications
Half Term Holiday
Staff Training Day (School closed to pupil)
Children Return
World Book Day**
Children break up for the Easter holidays
Children return

****Advance Notice**

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 01 March, the children are asked to come to school wearing pyjamas and/or onesies and to bring along their favourite bedtime story book

WISHING EVERYONE A LOVELY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

