



## Blowers Green Primary Newsletter

February 2018 (3)



**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.

**School Celebrates Success!** As we come to the end of half term, we are celebrating a set of great results for our school. According to the Primary League Tables 2017, the school continues to go from strength to strength. The end of KS2 SATs results place Blowers Green in the top 6 out of all primary schools in Dudley. Without a doubt, the results are underpinned by a number of factors; the school's exciting curriculum, the children's impeccable behaviour together with their hard work and thirst for learning. This cannot be achieved by the school alone and we thank our school community for their support and dedication.



It's that time of year again! **WORLD BOOK DAY** is on

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018** and we have decided to do something a little different.

This year we are asking the children to come to school in their PJs or onesie for a bedtime story.



We also have a **Governor's Suggestion Box** situated in the office reception area for you to post any comments or suggestions you may have.



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

**ATTENDANCE** - Our attendance target is 96%. Our current attendance is 94.10%. The current attendance levels for each class up to 5 February 2018 are:

**RM (88.12%) 1W (95.48%) 2EF (94.60%) 3S (95.37%) 4F (93.16%)  
5T (94.85%) 6S (97.19%)**



**Staff news!** Our Assistant Headteacher, Miss Chambers is getting married during half term. We would like to wish her all the very best on her special day. We hope they have a wonderful future together.



**Easter School:** This academic year, Year 6 SATs are such that, unlike previous years, we have a number of school weeks to work with the Year 6 children before they take their tests. Therefore, instead of Easter School, we will be running weekly after school 'booster classes' which will operate from Monday 5th March. More details to follow...



We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr David Willets from 'Hearts of England' for the kind donation of a defibrillator, which is potentially a life-saving piece of equipment.

**Mr Ian Austin's Visit to Class 6** It was a pleasure to welcome our local MP Ian Austin once again to our school. His talk about the political system left a positive impression upon our pupils as many appeared to be very inspired to learn about his career. We believe that the children find his visits intriguing and it also helps to raise aspirations. Pupils enjoyed asking questions about his life in Dudley, especially during his childhood, and his role as a Member of Parliament.



**Christmas Card Competition:** We had lots of lovely entries for our Christmas card competition and it was really quite a task choosing a winner. However, Congratulations to Ruqaiya from Reception class who submitted a delightful entry!

### DEALING WITH CONCERNS

*What to do if you are worried about the safety or wellbeing of a child!*

- Speak to the school. Mrs Adams is the safeguarding lead at Blowers Green or you can telephone social services direct on 0300 555 0050 between the hours of 9.00am-5.00pm or 0300 555 8574 (out of hours office number.)



**NOTE : OUR SCHOOL OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY TO THURSDAY FROM 8.30AM - 4.15PM AND 8.30AM - 4.00PM ON A FRIDAY.** 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.



### IMPORTANT! PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL (MOBILE CCTV)

The school is aware that parking is limited and a number of parents have recently been issued with parking fines. This obviously causes distress and anxiety. The school does not have responsibility for roads and traffic and there is little it can do. The school will be writing to the Council to ask them to explore all options available to them in order to help ease the problem. We will keep you updated.

<b>DIARY DATES</b>	<i>(provisional - may be subject to change)</i>
16 February	School closes for Half Term
19-23 February	Half Term
<b>26 February</b>	<b>INSET DAY - school closed for children</b>
27 February	School reopens
27-28 March	Parents' Evenings 3.30-5.00pm (details to follow)
29 March	Break up for the Holidays
16 April	School reopens
03 May	<b>ELECTIONS - school closed for children</b>
07 May	May Day Bank Holiday
14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>KS2 SATs</b>
28 May-01 June	Half Term