



## Blowers Green Primary Newsletter

September 2019 (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 supporting our uniform policy again this year. Please make sure you name **ALL** items of clothing so that they don't get mixed up! School uniform is available from the office. Sweatshirts are £7.50 and cardigans £8.50. Please note all information about school can be found on the school website [www.blowers.dudley.sch.uk](http://www.blowers.dudley.sch.uk).



**ACADEMY UPDATE-** Following the consultation that took place in the spring term 2019, an application was made to the Department of Education to join the Dudley Academy Trust. The Local Authority has now received the Academy Order and progress is being made. Our likely conversion date will be January 2020.



Over the **summer** our Nursery and Reception toilets have been refurbished. A big thank you to Mr. Cooksey, our caretaker, who has overseen this work and worked incredibly hard painting a number of areas of school across the summer break.

**SATs RESULTS** - Once again we are extremely pleased with our KS2 SATs results. Both children and staff worked really hard to achieve these. Details of our results will be in our next newsletter.

**PARENTS ON YOUR SIDE (POYS)** - These meetings will take place through September. They are an opportunity for parents to attend to meet your child's class teacher to find out what is happening this year in your child's year group. Your child will bring home details of the date and time in the next week.

**STAFF NEWS** - Welcome to Miss Meads and Miss Pylypiak-Clancy who have joined our staffing from September and Mr Brown and Mrs Perry who are now permanent members of staff in school.

**Below is a list of where you can find each class teacher:-**

Nursery	Miss Meads
Reception	Mrs Macdonald (Strategic Leader for Foundation Stage)
Class 1	Mrs Perry
Class 2	Miss Pylypiak-Clancy
Class 3	Mrs Martin (Strategic Leader for Phase 1-3)
Class 4	Mrs Ghent
Class 5	Mrs Francis (Mon-Wed), Mr Brown (Thurs-Fri)
Class 6	Mr Thompson (Strategic Leader for Phase 4-6)

**CONGRATULATIONS** - Please join us in congratulating Miss Swingler and Miss Walker who both got married over the summer. Miss Swingler will now be Mrs Ghent and Miss Walker will be Mrs Potter.

**SCHOOL MEALS** - The price of a school meal increased from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 to £2.40 a day (£12.00 per week). From Reception to Year 2 your child is entitled to free universal school meals. If you think that your child/ren are entitled to **FREE SCHOOL MEALS from Year 3 onwards**, please enquire at the school office **as soon as possible** as this allows school valuable funding.



**READING CHALLENGE BOOKS** - If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium Funding they will receive a personal copy of all their reading challenges.



**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. Thank you.



**WE NEED YOUR VIEWS!** A suggestion box is located outside the office window, please feel free to place in any ideas, feedback, comments or compliments. Your views are always gratefully received.

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS!** It is important that you take a look at our School Attendance Policy which is available for you to view on our school website. The National Expectation for attendance is 96%. We will be running a new initiative in school this academic year to help support attendance. Attendance achievements for each class will be shared with children on a weekly basis. If a class achieves the 96% target they will receive £1.00 and if they achieve 100% attendance the class will receive £2.00. If below 96% they will not receive any money. This money will then be accumulated throughout the term and the children will be able to buy a class treat.

**POLICIES:** It is also 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. These policies can be found at: [www.blowers.dudley.sch.uk](http://www.blowers.dudley.sch.uk) (**Information : Policies**)



**PENCIL CASES** - Following a successful trial in Year 6, each child in Key Stage 2 will be given their own pencil case filled with equipment. These will be kept in school and will ensure children take responsibility for their own tools for learning. Please note that children do not need to bring in any equipment from home.



**FREE FOOTBALL TRAINING** - Why not take your children along to FREE football training on a Saturday at Green Park, Watsons Green Road, Dudley, DY2 7LG. The training runs from 10.30am to 1.00pm. It is open to girls, boys, men and women of all ages and abilities. The training is provided by professional coaches.

**SECONDARY TRANSFER:** Remember the deadline date for secondary school applications is **31 October 2019**. Applications after this date may mean your child not securing a place at their chosen school.

**\*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*\*\*\***

With effect from week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 we will be closing the gate by the school field whilst repairs are undertaken to the pathway. Access will still be available through the pedestrian gate on Blowers Green Road.

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

8 October	Whole school photographs (details to follow)
28 Oct- 1 Nov	Half Term
19 & 20 November	Parents' Evening's 3.30pm - 5pm (details to follow)
18 December	Winter Fayre
20 December	School closes for Christmas