



Blowers Green Primary Newsletter December 2019

It has been a very busy half term so far leading up to the Christmas break with lots going on in school and still more to come over the final week. We would like to share with you some updates and what is still to come over the remainder of this term.

Dudley Academy Trust UPDATE- In our September 2019 newsletter, we informed parents and carers that our likely conversion date would be January 2020. However, due to the General Election taking place in December 2019, the Government put on hold all academy conversions - we have now been given a revised date of the **1st February 2020.**



OLYMPIC VISIT - On Wednesday 27th November 2019, the children and staff had the pleasure of welcoming British Olympic 400m runner Martyn Rooney to the school. Martyn led an inspirational assembly during which he shared the 'secret to his success' and how he became an Olympic athlete. The children had a wonderful day and were thrilled to train alongside Martyn.

E SAFETY ALERT - West Midlands Police have been made aware of an APP entitled "UNICO LIVE". The app is publicised as age restricted 12+ and designed for young people to upload videos of them performing, singing and dancing. Police wish to make parents and carers aware that there is inappropriate content on the platform involving young people which is being investigated.

PANTO - On Tuesday 3rd December, the school hall was transformed into a glittering display of singing, dancing and laughter as the children experienced a performance of the classic fairytale, 'Beauty and the Beast'. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

FOUNDATION STAGE & KS1 PRODUCTION - Thank you for all your positive comments regarding the Foundation Stage and KS1 Production. I'm sure you will agree that the staff and children worked very hard to give an excellent performance that was enjoyed by all.

WINTER FAYRE - On Wednesday 18th December 2019 we will be holding a Winter Fayre after school, 3.30-4.30pm, in the School Hall. The children will be making items in class to sell and there will also be food on sale, tombola's, face painting, Christmas accessories to buy and much, much more!

Winter Fayre

PARTY DAY for the children is being held on Friday 20th December. Children can arrive at school in their party clothes (sensible footwear and no dangly earrings please!) Children need to bring £1.00 as a donation towards the charity 'Operation Santa' 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.**

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION WINNER -The Dudley Academy Trust launched a Christmas card competition in school to design a card for the Trust to use as their corporate Christmas card. We are delighted to announce that Dhilan in Class 3 and Evie in Reception are our winners! Well done to Dhilan and Evie who have both received tickets for the Christmas Black Country Museum's fantastic Christmas event.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE to those children who have attained 100% attendance this term. As a reward the children will be invited to a cinema experience with refreshments provided.



PARENTS EVENING & SURVEY- It was wonderful to see so many of you at parents evening this term. Your support and attendance is vital at these evenings and we appreciate and highly value all the positive feedback given to the staff. Thank you also for taking the time to complete the parental survey forms; there was some really positive feedback and some great suggestions around what we can do even more of - watch this space!

On a final note, this year our staff and children have raised a generous **£130.00** for Children in Need. Again, thank you to everyone for the wonderful support.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

KEY DATES 2019/20



Wednesday 18 December
Thursday 19 December
Friday 20 December

Winter Fayre (Hall doors open 3.30pm)
Christmas Lunch
Party day, children to come in mufti (£1.00 donations)

Friday 20 December
Monday 6 January 2020
Tuesday 7 January 2020
15 January 2020

Children break up for the Christmas holidays
School closed for children
Children return
Closing date for primary school applications (September 2020)

17-21 February 2020
Friday 3 April 2020

Half Term
Children break up for the Easter holidays