



Blowers Green Primary Newsletter

Monday 27th January 2020

Welcome to our first weekly newsletter. We will now be producing a weekly newsletter that will be posted on our website every Monday. We hope this will help keep you up to date on a more regular basis regarding what is happening in school. We will not be sending home a printed copy unless requested. If you do require a printed copy please ask at the school office.

ACADEMY UPDATE- In our December newsletter we advised that our likely conversion date would be 1st February 2020. The conversion is still on track for this date and we will keep you updated.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS! It is important that parents/carers take a look at our **School Attendance Policy** which is available for you to view on our school website.

<https://www.blowers.dudley.sch.uk>



The National Expectation for attendance is 96%. Below is our attendance data so far this academic year. There are some positive results so far however, we still have a way to go to reach our target, and currently our overall attendance across school is 94.50%. Please support us in making sure your child attends school. Please note that holidays taken in term time will not be authorised and may result in a fixed penalty notice.



CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
Reception	96
Class 1	94
Class 2	94
Class 3	96
Class 4	94
Class 5	94
Class 6	93



Fund raising - During the autumn term 2019, the School raised an impressive amount of money for various charities as well as for School Fund. We would like to thank parents and carers for your continued support:

Save the Children £109.00, **Operation Santa** £81.30 and **Winter Fayre** £380.00.

Walk the World - We know, being as active as possible has many benefits, these include; improved fitness, increased ability to concentrate, improved academic scores, building a stronger heart, bones and healthier muscles as well as lowering stress and improving self-esteem. Here at Blowers Green we want our children to be the healthiest they can be so we are encouraging children to '**Walk the World!**'. Using their pedometers, children are going to track their steps and distance covered in a school day. We are going to see how far as individuals we can walk as well as look at how far we have managed to walk altogether as a school. We are hoping this will be a fun way for children to challenge themselves and stay active.

Residential trip - December 2020 (Years 3, 4, 5) - We still have a few places on this exciting overnight trip. Please contact the school office if your child is interested.

Safeguarding ALERT: UNICO LIVE App



UNICO LIVE - Live Stream, Live Video & Live Show

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Parental guidance

Offers in-app purchases

Add to Wishlist

Install



'UNICO LIVE' is the latest app to come onto our radar, which poses significant risks to children and young people.

Advice:

Check your child's devices for this app - and help them remove it.

Remember even if the app is **removed from app stores**, it will still work on devices it's been downloaded on.

Engage your child/children in a conversation about keeping safe online and who they would talk to if someone made them feel uncomfortable online.

Check that they only engage with other people they know online.

Check that they understand what they should do if they see something online that upsets or worries them.

We recommend that you talk 'SMART' with your children - a clear, simple way of being safe online.



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

31 January	Year 2 Assembly
17 - 21 February	Half term break
4 March	Class 1 Assembly
4 March	Class 5 Botanical Gardens Trip
5 March	World Book Day
18 March	Reception - Mother's Day Assembly
19 March	Class 1 trip - Cannock Chase Museum
20 March	Nursery Trip - Ash End Farm
25 March	Parents evening 3.30pm - 5pm
26 March	Class 3 Trip - Black Country Museum