



**Blowers Green Primary
Newsletter Friday 4th September 2020**

WELCOME BACK to a very 'different' School Year!

After a very long period away, it was a joy to see all the children return smiling and happy to be back at school. Almost all of our children are back with us which is wonderful! Hearing the children laughing and talking has breathed life back into the building.

In very different times, one thing remains the same, as always, our children all look extremely smart in their school uniforms! A big thank you to parents for supporting our uniform policy once again this year; the children are a credit to you all.

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.

We would like to share our sincere thanks to all our parents and carers who have worked with us to support the return to school in a positive way. We are pleased at how well our new systems are working in particular, staggered starts and end times and how well everyone is following the rules of our one way systems. The children have been extremely sensible with an increased amount of hand washing and sanitising and being respectful of the need to remain in their bubbles. Thanks are extended to the onsite cleaners who work tirelessly and continuously throughout the school day to ensure a safe and clean environment. Whilst we appreciate the many positive comments received, we will continue to review and improve so that our school community remains safe.



CONTACT DETAILS - Can you please ensure that your contact details are updated at all times; this is vital as should your child become unwell during the school day, we must be able to make contact with you immediately.

STAFF NEWS - Welcome to Mrs Blower (Nursery) Mrs Cheetham (Year 4) and Miss Cowley (Year 6, TA) all of whom are working in school this term.

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

- **Nursery** Mrs Blower
- **Reception** Mrs Macdonald (Strategic Leader for Foundation Stage)
- **Class 1** Miss Meads
- **Class 2** Miss Pylypiak-Clancy
- **Class 3** Mrs Parsons
- **Class 4** Mrs Cheetham
- **Class 5** Mr Brown (Thurs, Fri, Mon) Mrs Potter (Tues-Wed)
- **Class 6** Mr Thompson (Strategic Leader for Years 4-6)

Mrs Martin (Strategic Leader Years 1-3) is supporting across the school



BABY NEWS - The baby boom continues at Blowers Green with Miss Starrs welcoming a baby boy in August. Our congratulations are extended to Miss Starrs and her family at this very special time.



HOME READING DIARIES - Following feedback from parents and carers for more information to support learning at home, the home reader diaries have been further developed. These Learning Journals now include a range of information including:

- School Challenges
- Information on how we teach maths in school (Calculations Policy)
- Key spellings for the year
- Additional information to support other subjects - key artists, musicians

Please support your child to look after this important book. Should the Learning Journal be lost or damaged, a replacement copy can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £4.00.



A reminder that children need to come dressed in their PE uniform (black joggers/leggings/dark blue t-shirt and their school jumper) on their allocated PE day. Children can wear trainers, but will need to bring in a pair of pumps in a small PE bag which will remain in school.

PLEASE make sure that all jewellery is removed in readiness for PE.



ATTENDANCE Following the period of lockdown, attendance is now mandatory and children are, by law, now expected to attend.

CURRICULUM LETTERS

Curriculum letters for each year group will be available to view on our website over the next week. Please take a few moments to look at what your child will be learning in school this term.



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

26th-30th October - Half Term

17th and 18th November - Parents Evenings

18th December - Christmas Parties/End of Term



SECONDARY TRANSFER - Remember the deadline date for secondary school applications is 31 October 2020. Applications after this date may mean your child not securing a place at their chosen school.