

Blakedown CE Primary School

Newsletter Autumn 1



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Welcome
Back to School

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday from
1st – 11th September to:
Wilfred, Henry, Lucy
& Frank who are 5;
Amelia who is 6;
Brooke who is 7; and
Billie, Roscoe &
Lily Mae who are 10;



WELCOME BACK TO AUTUMN TERM 2022

A very warm welcome back to school, it has been lovely to see you all back this week and I hope that you had a restful and enjoyable summer. We have welcomed 31 new Reception children and also 11 children across Year 1, Year 3 & Year 5. The school now holds 200 children, our largest number to date and we now only have spaces in Year 4.

Our new Reception got off to a great start this week with half days and have had lunch together today. We look forward to having them in school full time every day from next week.

We have also been joined by Miss Cassidy, who is a new teaching assistant to school. Miss Cassidy is working in Year 5 this year alongside Miss Alton.

The website calendar has been updated with forthcoming known events in the 'Diary Dates' page and this will continue to be refreshed when new dates and events are confirmed.

The school day has had to be extended by 5 minutes due to legislation in the recent Government White Paper advising that schools should be open for 6½ hours a day, leading to our 3.20 p.m. closing time.

We are all looking forward to a successful year, working in partnership on behalf of the children.

Helen Beckford-Bond

REMINDERS

Snacks and Water:

At break time, children are allowed fruit/vegetables only. From Year 3-6, fruit/veg snacks need to be provided from home. We have a number of children with allergies, therefore nuts are not allowed to be brought into school.

All children should come with a water bottle filled with fresh water each day so that they can have continuous access to a drink without the need to leave the classroom. Please ensure your child has one with them each day.

Dogs:

School is a dog free zone. That means that dogs are not allowed anywhere on site, whether they are being held, on leads or tied up on the school property. This is for health and safety reasons. Thank you for your understanding and support with this matter.

Year 6 – High School Applications

Parents/carers of Year 6 will have received a transfer pack on Wednesday. We have been asked to remind you to check that this has been received and that the application process is online at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Applications should be completed by the closing date of 31st October 2022. You will be notified of the outcome of your application on 1st March 2023.

School Christian Values

Peace Forgiveness Trust Perseverance Respect

Blakedown Vision and Values

JOY

SERVE

ACHIEVE

Wrap Around Care Provision

Our wrap around care provision in the morning and after school has grown over the last two years and is now extremely popular. We are at capacity most days. Although we want to be able to support you in emergencies, due to popularity there may be occasions where we are not able to accommodate you at short notice. This is because we need safe staffing levels. Therefore, if you wish to use this service and know dates in advance, it is best to make a regular booking to ensure your child has been allocated a space. Please contact wrap@blakedownprimary.worcs.sch.uk or 01562 701232 to make a booking or enquiry with Mrs Humble or Mr Wood.



Yesterday evening, we all heard the incredibly sad news from Buckingham Palace of the death of Her Majesty The Queen. Today, our worship time has been spent celebrating her amazing life and giving the children time to reflect and remember the life of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, to remember her family members at this difficult time and to pray for them.

Some classes have spent a little more time considering their thoughts and feelings and others have written poems. We have recognised the sad feelings we are having but focused on a life well lived and one to be remembered and celebrated.