



The Blackheath staff would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to Blackheath School for this new and exciting academic year. The children have returned and settled in very well and have been following the school values from the first lesson. This week the children have been taking part in lots of well being and healthy minds activities to help them prepare and bond as a class. Year 6 are on residential this week too and memorable experiences have already started in a number of classes to launch their new termly topics!

#### **Staffing**

We would like to welcome Mrs Leaver who is now class teacher in Year 5 and Mr Bains who is also class teacher in Year 5. We would like to welcome Miss Morgan who will be with us for the Autumn term as a Cover Supervisor.

#### **Parent curriculum meetings**

These will be taking place during the first 2 weeks of term. It is an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher, see their new classroom and find out about activities within their year group for this year as well as ask any questions you may have.

**YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 3.30-4.00pm**

**YEAR 3 & YEAR 4 - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 3.30-4.00pm**

**YEAR 5 & 6 - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 3.30-4.00pm**

#### **Children using apparatus before school**

Until 8.45am, and after 3.20pm **parents are responsible for their own children**. Children are **not allowed on the apparatus** at these times. Please note our new signage around school supporting this instruction. Please also remind your children that they should not be playing any ball games before or after school as some parents have pushchairs and younger children on the playground with them.

#### **Lost property – labelling jumpers and coats**

Due to the number of coats and jumpers in lost property last year, we are asking all parents to label their child's uniform items. If a child's coat or jumper/cardigan is not labelled, we will be writing their name on the labels. This will reduce the number of lost property items. Please let the class teacher know if you **DO NOT** want us to write your child's name and class on the label.

#### **Home Learning Planners**

Home Learning Planners have been distributed. This year **please do not** tear out any of the pages. Return the whole planner to your child's class with forms completed. You have also received a data collection sheet for your child. Please check this carefully and if any of the information is incorrect amend the form and return it alongside your child's planner. Both the planner and data sheet must be handed to the class teacher by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September**. This is a very important exercise to ensure we have all the correct information about your child.

#### **Music Lessons**

Beginning on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September Year 3 pupils will commence a one hour guitar lesson during school hours. Instruments will be provided.

#### **Forest Schools**

All children in Reception will be given the opportunity to take part in Forest Schools. This will take place every Wednesday starting on the 4<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **Speedy Tots**

All children in Reception will be given the opportunity to take part in Speedy Tots. This will take place on Wednesday mornings starting on the 27<sup>th</sup> September. In the sessions the children learn to balance bike and gain other skills such as co-ordination and fine/gross motor skills.

#### **Parent Pay**

Parent Pay is now embedded and many of our parents are enjoying the benefits of using the online system to make payments. May we remind you that we will no longer be accepting cash payments in school. All activities are to be paid for via Parent Pay. The only exceptions are;

- Water bottles - Purchased from the school office.
- Morning Snack (KS2 only) – payable directly to the kitchen.

Please may we take this opportunity to also remind you that your dinner money arrears will be monitored closely this year and meals will be stopped for accounts that owe more than £10.00. Please ensure that you make regular payments and keep your account in credit.

#### **Uniform**

**The children, I am sure you will agree, look very smart indeed and we thank you for ensuring the children have started the year in the right uniform.** As you know, what a child wears to school reflects his/her learning and portrays the school's ethos and shared positive values. We have a smart uniform that we expect all pupils to wear all of the time. The acceptable uniform is outlined on the website and prospectus downloadable on our website. Please can you support the school throughout the year and continue to ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform. All Uniform is purchased from our online supplier Ace Embroidery. A link to their online shop can be accessed via our school website.

### Wrap Around Provision

We now have an external company called Tiptop to offer wrap round provision from 7.45 – 8.45am and from 3.20 – 5.30pm. If you wish to access this provision or require any further details please speak to Luke directly on 07471739426.

### School Meals

The school meals menu will be changing after October half term. Once it is finalised it will be available on our website under the parents tab. We have reviewed our procedure and as a result will only be asking that children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 pick their menu choices in advance. Children in KS2 will not be asked to pre select their meal choice but will need to inform us of whether they are having a home packed lunch or school meals. A letter with more details on this will follow shortly, please look out for this.

### Bus

You may have seen that there is now a bus on the KS1 playground. This is an exciting new venture for the school as we look at renovating it into a learning space for the children over the next year. Please can you ensure that you supervise your children before and after school, making sure they do not cross the barriers and tape.



### Behaviour

The school has reviewed the behaviour policy and is now trialling a new process. We are continuing to use values points to reward children and positive postcards for exceptional effort and achievement. Each week, children will be able to buy treats from the Golden trolley as a reward for their good behaviour. Yellow and red cards have now gone and there are now a series of consequence stages. Class teachers and senior leaders will contact any parents if they feel that children need support with upholding the values.

**PE TIMETABLE (starting next week)** - Can you please ensure children have their PE kit in school for these times.

Hall Timetable	am	pm
Monday		Y6
Tuesday	Nursery (10.30-11.30)	Y2 (1.15-2.15)/Nursery (2.15-3.15)
Wednesday	Speedy tots (9.30-11.30)	Y3 (9.30-11.30) Y1 (2.15-3.15)
Thursday		Y5
Friday	Rec (9.30 – 11.00)	Y4

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### SEPTEMBER

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

Year 6 Residential to Frank Chapman

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Year 2 (Class 2B) Swimming Starts

Year 1 & 2 Parent Curriculum Meeting, 3.30pm

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Year 3 & 4 Parent Curriculum Meeting, 3.30pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Year 5 & 6 Parent Curriculum Meeting, 3.30pm

**\*Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

PFA Coffee morning

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Macmillan Coffee Morning

### OCTOBER

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>**

Individual School Photos

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Year 1 Inspire Day

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

KS1 Harvest Festival (9.15am)

KS2 Harvest Festival (2.45pm)

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Parent Consultation (Whole School)

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>**

PFA Autumn Disco (KS2), 3.30pm

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

PFA Autumn Disco (KS1), 3.30pm

**Half Term Holidays**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)



\*The PFA will be holding a coffee morning at 9.00am on the 26th September. This is a chance to speak to members of the PFA and see what they do. It is also a chance to volunteer and get involved with the events the PFA are organising this year.

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