

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all extremely excited to see the children tomorrow, **Thursday 3rd September**, for the new academic year (new Reception children next Monday).

I just wanted to update and remind parents on the following information:

Start and end of the day

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will go through the main gate.

Year 3 to Year 6 will go through the side gate.

If children can enter school by themselves from the gate, this would make it easier for us manage adult numbers on site. Please maintain social distancing with other families.

Our school day starts at 8:45am and both gates will be open at the end of the day at 3:15pm.

Outdoor kit, including wellington boots

As we are being really proactive about using all of our wonderful school environment, please can you make sure that your child brings in wellington boots and waterproofs. They will be playing outdoors at break and lunchtime, whatever the weather! Thank you.

Lunches

It is very important that you pre-order your hot lunches before school starts. Mel cannot walk around the classes and double check numbers anymore due to keeping bubbles separate. You can do this through the normal Parent Pay route.

Please check with Mrs. Courts (01872 560570) if you have any problems.

Classrooms

Just a reminder for children to go back to their 2019-2020 class for this Thursday and Friday and then will start the new year on Monday in their new class.

Mental Wellbeing

All of the classes will be focusing on returning to school and recognising emotions for the first two weeks. We hope this will allow time for children to reignite the joy of learning again as well as building those important relationships with staff. The whole school will be reading and basing activities on a book called the 'Colour Monster', which discusses what emotions feel and look like.

Social media

We are hoping to share lots of the exciting learning with you through the powers of social media. Have you visited our Facebook page: 'Blackwater Community Primary School'. We will be sharing photos today of what the classes look like as all the staff have been working so hard to make them amazing for the children.

Finally, can I just say the heart of Blackwater School is, of course, the children. Their boundless energy, enthusiasm, smiles, humour and achievements; this is what makes our job so rewarding. We will be welcoming the children back with huge smiles and reassuring parents that we are ready for action.

Best wishes Mrs. Evison

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