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Newsletter 1

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable break. I would like to welcome all the pupils and parents back for the start of the new academic year and in particular those who are starting at our school for the first time. We start another exciting school year and look forward to working with you once more in close partnership. Newsletters are sent out to parents every two weeks to inform parents of school news and keep up to date on forthcoming events. Newsletters are also available on our learning platform.

Staff News

We are pleased to welcome to Blakehill: Mr Sidebottom (5S), Miss Lea (4L) and Miss Gardner (2G) who have joined our teaching team and we wish them every success.

Contact Telephone Numbers

Please let our school office know if you have changed telephone numbers, particularly mobiles. It is important that we have the correct numbers if children are ill.

Picking Up Your Child at the End of the School Day

If you change arrangements for picking up your child at the end of the school day please ensure you inform us.

Make up and Jewellery

Jewellery, make up and nail varnish should not be worn in school by children. Earrings are not permitted except for children with pierced ears who can wear studs. Children are allowed to wear watches and consideration is given to religious and cultural beliefs.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not encouraged to be brought to school by pupils. In exceptional circumstances there may be no alternative, but they **must be switched off** on entering the school grounds and then handed to the class support staff for safe keeping during the day. Pupils must not use them inside the school grounds.

School Attendance 2013-2014

I am delighted to report that pupil attendance rose again for the fourth consecutive year to **96.5%**, once more above national average.

Year 6 SATs Monday 11 – 15 Friday May 2015.

It is vital that children in Year 6 are not absent for this week.

Half- Fare Transport for 11+

Children aged 11+ can apply for Photocards now at www.wymetro.com or get an application form from our Learning Mentor, Mrs Corbridge.



School Uniform

The children have made a great start to the year and looked very smart in their new school uniforms. Thank you to the vast majority of parents who support us by adhering to our school uniform policy, this includes PE kit.

What a child wears to school reflects his/her attitude to learning; it portrays the school's ethos and shared values. We have a very simple uniform that pupils are expected to wear.

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Boys

White/sky blue polo shirt, black trousers, navy blue sweatshirt with school logo

Black shoes –**not trainers**

Trainers can be worn only for break times and PE but black shoes/pumps worn in school.

Dark socks

Girls

White/sky blue polo shirt, black skirt/trousers/shalwar kameez

Blue and white checked school dress

Navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo

Black shoes – **not trainers or high heels**

Boots can be worn for outside but shoes/pumps worn in school.

Black/white socks or black tights.

PE Kit

Boys and Girls

Navy blue shorts or black leotard & White T Shirt

Trainers (outdoors)

Black PE pumps (indoors)

Plain Navy blue or black track suit for outdoor games

Pump bag

Please note outdoor PE starts in Year 1

Year 5 Swimming

Swimming trunks/one piece costume/footless leggings

Swimming cap if appropriate

Towel

Waterproof bag

Yours sincerely

T.Patterson
Headteacher