



Blackgates Primary Academy Newsletter

Week ending 25 September 2020



COVID-19

As yet we have **no** children or staff who have tested positive. Should this occur, any pupils who have had close contact, their families will be notified by letter on the same day and given instructions. Our risk assessment is detailed and changes according to latest government guidance.

Sports clubs

Sports clubs have commenced this week with both Yoga and Boxing proving very popular. Risk assessments are followed throughout and we feel sport is vital for our pupil's health and wellbeing. More clubs will follow. They all ensure pupils are grouped in year group bubbles.

Water bottles

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle daily which contains water—not juice.

Nut Allergies

We are a nut free school as we have staff and children in school with severe allergies to nuts. Please ensure you do not send in any nuts or nut products. Nutella is a common sandwich filler which can cause fatal reactions in anyone with a nut allergy. Please do not send this into school.

First Aid Training

Twelve members of staff have received First Aid training during the last few weeks. They are all hoping they don't need to put their skills into practise!

Curriculum

Topic work is now underway in classes. Please support your child's learning at home.

Parents evening

Normally we would invite you into school to speak to teachers about your child's progress. This year we will be holding them in a different way. Teachers will arrange a telephone call before half term to discuss how they have settled into class and how they are progressing academically and socially. If you have any concerns please do not wait for this call, contact the class teacher beforehand. The sooner we know, the sooner we can help.

School Trips

Unfortunately we are not able to hold school trips in the way we would normally. Please be assured where we can link pupils learning to visits we will. Year 4 will be visiting the reservoir soon as part of their topic work. Other pupils will go out on safe visits which are able to adhere to our risk assessment.

Online Safety

As a school we are aware many of our students are accessing the app 'Tik Tok'. Having viewed the app we are very concerned about the content our children could be viewing. Content such as; swearing, dark humour, nudity and violence. We suggest the use of this app is closely monitored or not used at all.

In addition, if your child is in a WhatsApp group, please monitor the content if you are allowing the use. We have been informed pupils are sending inappropriate messages to each other. WhatsApp's age of use is 16 so is not recommended that primary pupils have access to this.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

J.M.Coulson

