

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

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Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back after the summer break from all the staff at Blacklands. The children have started back really well and I have been genuinely impressed with how quickly they have settled back in. Building works have been completed over the summer holidays and we are delighted to say the academy is looking fabulous. We have shiny new offices and state of the art fresh classrooms along with new carpet and furniture throughout much of the school! It was great to see the students' and parents' faces when they saw the transformation.

Please be aware that the builders will remain on site over the next few weeks to finish off loose ends, including installation of our new office desk and outside areas. This shouldn't impact too much on the school day; our priority has been the completion of learning environments, and we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

**Things that
make me
smile—**



Seeing our
Year 6 children filling our
newly built classrooms
for the first time.



New Staff

We hope you will all join us in welcoming new staff to Blacklands. I would like to introduce:

Mrs Mary Quinn – Assistant HeadTeacher

Mr Jon Coram – Y5 teacher

Miss Natalie Childs – Y2 teacher

Miss Natasha Lozada – Y5/6 CoTeacher

By Royal Appointment - exciting post received!

In June the children from Y2 Blake Class made birthday cards to mark HM the Queen's 90th birthday and sent them to the palace. During the holidays a reply arrived from her Maids in Waiting, this has been shared with the children who are now in Y3. They were all excited to read it and we will make sure it is displayed for all to see.



Safeguarding

This month the Government updated the key safeguarding and child protection document that schools are required by law to follow. This document is called 'Keeping Children Safe in Education.' As a result of this we have now updated our Safeguarding Policy accordingly. You can access the latest safeguarding policy via our website, and it is a useful document for parents to see as it lays out how we enforce safeguarding and ensure the wellbeing of our pupils. It also contains links to a number of other key safeguarding materials, including the 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' document.

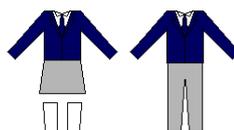
If you have any other questions or concerns regarding safeguarding and child protection, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Hawthorne or Mrs Bolton.

Clubs and Enrichment Activities

We have now published the great range of before and after school clubs and activities on our website. A copy has also been sent out to all parents who have signed up for emails through ParentPay. Please check out what is on offer on our website, using the 'About Us' link.



School Uniform



The children have come back beautifully presented and looking particularly smart. Thank you for your support in making this happen; it goes a long way to making

Blacklands a strong school. Indeed, on school trips, we often get members of the public commenting on how well behaved and smart our children are.

Please note that children should now be wearing autumn uniform; short sleeved shirts are fine throughout the year but summer dresses should not be worn.