



Friday 14th September 2018

A Message From Our Head Teacher

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Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to school after the summer break.

It has been a busy but exciting start to the term. We are welcoming a number of new faces to the school, both children and staff, and I would like to wish all a happy time at Bloxwich Academy Primary.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be holding 'Meet and Greet' sessions, which are your opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out about what will be taking place in their class.

We will also shortly be sending out information relating to the 'Bloxwich Bake-off' and 'Harvest Festival'. These are two of our annual autumn term events and are opportunities for parents to join us in some celebrations.

Also coming this term will be a curriculum morning where parents will be able to come into school to see how we teach maths.

I look forward to working with you and your children this year. It's going to be 'Bloxwich Brilliant'.”

Mrs Gray

FANCY PLAYING FOOTBALL FOR THE SCHOOL?

Football training will be resuming in the coming weeks on a **Thursday** after school.

There will be enough spaces for one team of Year 3/4s and 2 teams of year 5/6s.

In the upcoming school calendar, these teams will be entered into the football tournaments held at Willenhall E-act Academy.

Our footballers will need to make sure they have their

trainers/football boots and shin pads with them and also a drink (not fizzy thank you) and a light healthy snack.

A jumper will also be needed in case it is a cold evening.

Our first league match is on **7 November**.



Dates For Your Diary

- **Friday 28 September 2018**
Bake Off Competition - 2pm
- **Wednesday 17 October 2018**
Harvest Festival
- **Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November 2018**
Half Term
- **Thursday 20 December 2018**
Term Ends



Attendance Matters

Weekly Attendance Update

1 **Dudley**
99.2%

2 **Walsall**
97%

3 **Halesowen**
96.8%

Well done to Year 2 Dudley with the highest attendance!

Children should be at school every single day. Our school target is 96%. You may be required to provide medical evidence of illness if your child is absent from school on repeated occasions.

Please be aware that if your child's attendance drops below 92%, this may be investigated by the Local Authority. If your child's attendance drops below 90%, this is classed as persistent absence, and your child's attendance will be investigated and monitored by the Local Authority.

Requests for any planned absences, including holidays during term time, should be addressed, in writing, directly to the Primary Head Teacher. These would only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absence, including holiday during term time, may result in a fine from the local authority.

Remember, every term we will hold our end-of-term prize draws for pupils with good (96% and above) and outstanding (100%) attendance).

Ms Mardner

Spotlight On...

Reception

By Mr Hawkins
Reception Teacher

Our first two weeks in reception have been very busy. We have been exploring our new classrooms and making new friendships too.

We have been busy learning already, too. We have started to develop our basic fine motor skills by making necklaces with tiny laces and beads.

These skills are important for our writing later on. Talking of writing, we have had a lot of keen interest in our writing areas and we have seen some lovely marks and pictures already.

We have been enjoying reading, too. We have been talking about the pictures we see mostly, but we

are developing our skills ready for later in the year.

Finally, we have been learning about classroom safety. Although we have been here for only 6 days so far, we are already keeping our classroom safe and clean.



ARE YOU 'BLOXWICH BRILLIANT'?

Applications for Head Boy and Head Girl are now open!

With our first Head Boy and Head Girl now moving on to our secondary school site, it is time now to re-open the application process for our Year 6 pupils to take on this role.

The Year 6s have been spoken to this week about what the role entails. We are looking for one boy and one girl who can portray and demonstrate our key 'Bloxwich Brilliant' values to the students and our visitors.

All of the students that are interested in taking up the role will go through an application and interview process, which will then be added to, to create our Junior Leadership within our great school. They will then have the opportunity to be involved in helping us making 'Bloxwich Brilliant'.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF



Mr Potts
Year 6

My name is Mr Potts and I am friendlier than I look in my photograph. I will leave you to guess my age.

I haven't always been a teacher. I started my working life as a butcher and then, following my time at University studying Geology, I worked in the Oil industry, living and working in both London and

Scotland.

I became a teacher shortly after the younger of my two sons was born; he is now 15 years old. I have taught in Primary Schools in the Walsall area for the past nine years, mostly teaching year 6.

Outside of school, when I am not preparing lessons or marking books, I enjoy time with my family, walking our Labradors on Cannock Chase, flying light aircraft or martial arts training with my son.

The first week at Bloxwich Primary has been busy and rewarding. Year 6 are settling in well and getting used to their new work schedule.

The children are already beginning to produce high quality work in English, Science and Maths.



Mrs Sheen
Year 1

I'm Mrs Sheen and I have really enjoyed my first two weeks in Tipton class. We have had fun getting to know each other, singing, dancing, going on sense walks and reading Paddington goes to the Palace.

Next week we have lots more exciting activities, building bridges, and making and eating marmalade sandwiches.



Mr McFarland
Year 4

My name is Mr McFarland and I am the class teacher for Year 4 Halesowen.

Before I became a teacher, I worked at the Express & Star. There, I got the opportunity to interview lots of interesting people for the company's website. I have also had the chance to work in a variety of different schools and with different age ranges.

The first week at Bloxwich Academy has been very rewarding as I have been able to work with the same children every day and watch them become more confident and enthusiastic about their work.

The next few weeks are very exciting for this class and year group also. I look forward

to the rest of the year with this class and the future working at the school.



Ms Jones
Year 3

I am Miss Jones and I have the pleasure of teaching 3 Sandwell. I enjoy watching football, West Bromwich Albion in particular, going to the gym and socialising in my spare time.

My first two weeks have been really enjoyable and I have been extremely impressed with all of the children in the school and how polite and smartly dress they are. I have really enjoyed getting to know all of the children in my class and love how willing they are to participate in lessons and the enthusiasm they have is incredible. I can't wait to continue learning together and seeing their progress.



Mr Watters
Year 5

My first fortnight at Bloxwich Academy has been fantastic!

It has been great seeing the friendly atmosphere across the school, whether that be on the playground; in different classrooms; or just simply walking around the school. So far, Stourbridge has received the break-time trophy 4 times! That is something that everybody in Year 5 Stourbridge should be proud of.

From what I've seen so far at Bloxwich Academy, I'm sure it is going to be a fantastic year for the students and the teachers!

**THANK YOU FOR
READING OUR
NEWSLETTER!**

**CHECK IN WITH US EVERY
FRIDAY TO SEE WHAT'S GOING
ON AT THE SCHOOL.**

