



First Class

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Honesty

Respect

Happiness

Achievement

Term 1

Its hard to believe we've been in the new school building for over a year now. We are so settled this term and feel like we've always been here. No that we are established inside the building, we will start to plan for the outdoor and garden spaces and begin to landscape and make the best use of the site. Nursery will have some investment with the 1140 initiative and the garden space at the bottom of the playground needs some careful planning and consultation from parents and children. A parent has already started work on this so we may need to have some volunteers support her in this.

Nursery News

We are all set for starting extended hours after the October holidays. Nursery will be open 8am – 6pm and offering hot meals. There are many exciting changes ahead and we are delighted to be able to offer some aspects of 1140 in advance of the August 2020 deadline.

This initiative is supported by some additional budget for us so there will be lots of new resources coming soon and development work being done in our outdoor space.

As part of the launch of extended hours, we have decided to re-brand and improve our corporate image. As part of this we have developed a new logo which is more relevant to Blackburn and all children will be kindly gifted a nursery t-shirt by KSPC!



Extra-Curricular Clubs

We now have a variety of extra-curricular clubs available for pupils to attend both at lunchtime and after school. These are provided by Active Schools, our Pupil Support Worker and our House Captains. Please see our website for details:

Top Menu Bar - 'Pupils' - 'Extra-Curricular Clubs'



Homes wanted!

Do you live in the Badger Rise, Sett Road, Scotsmill or Brockwood area? We are looking for volunteers to store and place our new signs on Fintray Road at 8am and collect them after school drop off. We are looking to trial this 1 day a week initially to alert drivers to their speed as they approach the village. Please get in touch if you could help.



Lend a Hand

Thank you to all the parents who took part in the Lend a Hand Evening. There was a great sense of community and so much was achieved! We are hoping to have another one in Term 2!



We will be continuing Twitter Takeover next term, it is a great way to get an insight into the learning that is taking place in your child's class and we would encourage you to set up an account for this.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Class</u>
28 October	P3H
4 November	P4M
11 November	P5T
18 November	SMT
25 November	P5C
2 November	Parent Council
9 December	P1M, P1H, P2/1
16 December	P6C



Term 2 Dates for Diary

31 October	Snapshot Jotters Home
6 November	Parent Council Meeting?

13 November	P4G and P4M Assembly
14 November	Lend a Hand Evening
18 November	In-Service Day
19 November	In-Service Day
22 November	Reports Out
28 November	Parents Evening
2 December	Elf Shelf Begins
2 December	Panto - Aladin
3 December	Parents Evening
5 December	Snapshot Jotters Home
6 December	Christmas Disco
7 December	Breakfast with Santa
13 December	Christmas Lunch
16 December	Nativity
17 December	Nativity
20 December	End of term

Further information and dates for the whole session are available on the school website.

A Reminder for Children's Eye Health & Sight



FREE EYE EXAMINATIONS

All children in Scotland are entitled to an annual free eye examination by a qualified Optometrist (Optician). These examinations are really important for checking the health of your children's eyes and for making sure that children get any help they may need to make the most of their vision.

Sometimes children do not notice that one eye cannot see as well as the other and an eye examination can check to see if your child has any squints or 'lazy eyes' or if they need glasses. Vision can change over time so it is important to have checks regularly to see if there has been any change.

The Optician will give a prescription for glasses for your child if they need it. There is no obligation to buy glasses from the same Optician. Your child is entitled to an NHS optical voucher to help cover the cost of glasses. If the glasses you choose costs more than the voucher, you will have to pay the difference. The Optician will explain this in more detail.

We would encourage all parents to take their children to any high street Optician for regular eye examinations whether or not they think they may need glasses.

Across the Grain Festival

Aberdeenshire Council's Across the Grain festival returns for a second year with almost 100 events and performances throughout October.

See YouTube promotional video here:
<https://youtu.be/YhmiuWISVPU>

Follow link for full programme here: <https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/view/62767395/across-the-grain-october-2019-online-programme>

