



West Blatch News



Head's Welcome



Goodness, time has flown....It's a year ago that I addressed you in my first newsletter as Acting Head Teacher.

A year on and I am pleased to be able to share with you that we have achieved our highest Infant attainment levels in 5 years and our

strongest progress ever in the Juniors. All of the staff and governors are committed to building on this in order to secure the best possible outcomes for all our pupils and look forward to this improvement being acknowledged by OFSTED in our next inspection.

Our allocated senior inspector from HMI who visited the school in the summer term acknowledged our progress and strengthened position going in to 2013/14.

Our targets for the year are to continue to raise

achievement so that it is at least good for **every child in every subject** as a result of good or better teaching and learning across a vibrant and well supported curriculum.

As parents and carers you play a very important role in your child's education and I would encourage you to engage in a variety of ways, whether that be reading with your child three times a week, learning spellings together, practising maths operations, attending workshops or supporting a project, you will have moved your child's learning on.

In addition we always welcome classroom volunteers, parent governors and escorts on our enrichment trips.

It is a particularly exciting year for us as our West Blatchington Hove Park Partnership embeds. The benefits are already striking which you can learn more about in the partnership newsletter.

I look forward to sharing our achievements with you over the next year.

Rachel Simmonds

Children make great start to school year

All of the children have settled in well to their new classes.

We started the school year by learning how to learn. Every class carried out different activities to teach the children about our learning heroes. The lessons included collaborative problems solving, completing a quiz to find out about the different resources in the classroom and using different sources to find out about our new topics.

Year 3's Ancient Egyptian day was a great success and we had some fantastic costumes! Year 4 are looking forward to a visit from Zoolab later in the term.



PE Clubs reminder

Please make sure you look at the attached PE club timetable with your child.

There are clubs every day to help your child to become even more fit and active, covering a range of disciplines from dance to karate.

Most have spaces! Those pupils in KS2 have the added bonus of clubs leading up to inter-school league competition in both netball and football this term.

Trials are currently being held and we are awaiting the fixture lists so we can get started with our new campaigns.

Come on West Blatch!



Fantastic start for new reception children



The new reception children have had a fantastic start to school. It has been wonderful to see so many happy, smiley faces. Parents have been incredibly supportive and it was great to see so many of you enjoy a school lunch with your child.

This week we are welcoming the new nursery children and are confident they will also have a great start to school life.

Parents say:

"Overall we feel impressed with what the school is able to achieve and its happy environment."

Free taster session at BHIP after school club



BHIP after school club provide affordable child care for children aged between 3-11.

We offer fun play sessions including activities such as arts and crafts, cooking, outdoor play and sports. We open Monday to Friday from 3pm to 6pm during term time. BHIP is a local charity run by an experienced team of play workers recently been rated as 'good' by Ofsted.

We are inclusive and welcome children with and without additional needs. For more information about the free taster session please see the contact details below or drop in and visit us at the infant site at West Blatchington School.

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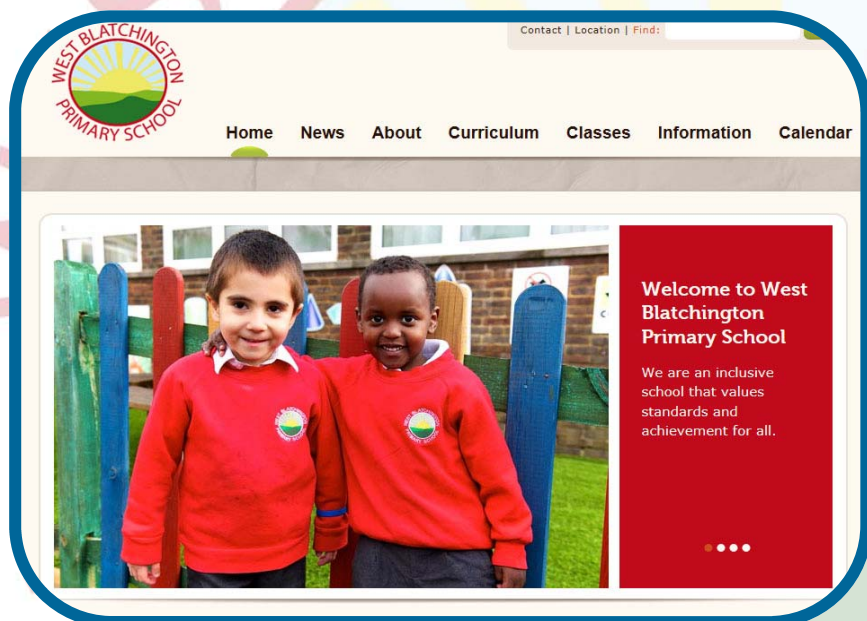
New School Website and minibus!

In partnership with Hove Park School we are very excited to be introducing a new website and a new minibus this term!

The new website will be launched on this address next week:
www.westblatchingtonprimary.co.uk/brighton-hove/primary/wblatch.

The school would appreciate any feedback you might have.

The launch of our new minibus service has been a great success. We have been able to assist 32 parents with transporting their children to school from central Hove and Portslade. Feedback has been very positive and the children are enjoying travelling to school together.



Nursery Spaces Available

We have a fully qualified teacher and nursery nurses who support your child with their learning and development and will give them a head start in their education.

Children can start the term after their third birthday, for more information on session times please contact the school office.

Cook supervisor vacancy

We have an opening for a new cook supervisor. 27 1/2 hours, term time only, training given.

For more details and an application form please contact Eden Foodservice on the number below.

Tel: 01273 818892

Shop online & raise funds!

If you shop online, you could be raising funds for our school. Shop with over 2,000 well known retailers, including Amazon, Tesco and Argos and every time you spend, you'll earn a donation for our school PTA. If just 100 parents sign up, we could generate over £3,000 in one year alone.

It's really simple to do. Just visit easyfundraising.org.uk/pta, search for our school and follow the steps!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Thursday 26th September, FoWB (Friends of West Blatch) will be hosting a coffee morning at 9am in the Infants hall in support of Macmillan Cancer Research.

As well as raising money for a worthwhile cause this is a great opportunity to catch up with other parents.

This is open to the whole community so feel free to invite friends and

family. Any cakes left will be selling them to the children at the end of the school day so please send them in with a few pennies.



Parents Say:

"I think that West Blatchington is a good school with wonderful open fields and my child is very happy."

What's on Sept / Oct

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
23 Year 3 & 4 meet the teacher @8.30	24 Year 1 & 2 meet the teacher @8.30	25 Year 5 & 6 meet the teacher @8.30	26	27 Roald Dahl Dressing Up day	28	29
30	1 Triple P Parent Group @9-11.30	2	3 Book Sale	4 Book Sale	5 Book Sale	6 Book Sale
7 Book Sale School Photos (individual)	8 Book Sale	9 Book Sale	10 Book Sale	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Parents Evenings 3-5pm	23 Parents Evenings 5-7pm	24 FOWB Spooky Disco 3-5pm	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



West Blatchington Primary School

has a love for learning

is proud to be part of the community

has ambition

believe everyone has a part to play

work together in a safe, happy and nurturing environment

embrace every opportunity

recognise & respect individual needs

value, trust and support one another

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