



# Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

## T1 Wk1: 6th September 2024

### Welcome Back to Blackhorse



We would like to welcome you all back to the start of another academic year at Blackhorse and extend a warm welcome to the new families that are joining our community for the first time.

It has been a pleasure to see the children returning to school and settling into their new classrooms with such confidence. The children all look super smart and have been showing the best version of themselves to their new teachers and demonstrating how ready, respectful and safe they can be at all times.

Our new Reception children have shown bravery coming into their new class rooms every day and getting to know their new friends and the adults they will be working with this year. Every time I have popped into Ash or Beech the children have been exploring the tasks on offer to them and getting involved in class discussions. It has been lovely to see.



You can help your children continue these Champion learning attitudes by getting back into your own routines at home. Please aim to arrive at school on time every day with everything your child needs to ensure a smooth start to the day. Remember that good bedtime routines and limits on screen time help your child feel refreshed and ready to learn.

It promises to be another fantastic year for everyone at Blackhorse.



### Active Travel



It has been great to see many of you walking, cycling and scooting to school this week despite the weather not being at its best. It would be fantastic if we could see even more families coming to

school in this way.

As a school we promote physical activity in many ways. Primarily through our PE curriculum which offers the children twice weekly lessons to improve their physical literacy. As part of our Extensive Opportunities offer we also offer a range of extra-curricular clubs for children to get active in. We also provide opportunities for children to be active during break and lunch times and classes take part in running the Daily Mile on our newly refurbished running track.

Leaving the car at home and taking an active journey to school is another way we can increase the physical activity our children do. There are many physical and mental benefits to this as well as other benefits such as reduced congestion around our school and less pressure on the local streets for parking which we know our residents find problematic. For those who rely on the car due to distance or time constraints we still encourage you to park at one of our Park and Stride sites; The Beefeater and The Trident or at least a 5 minute walk away.

Over the next few weeks we will be surveying the children about their journey to school and giving out spot prizes for those who take an active journey. Each Friday in assembly for the next two weeks, there will be a prize draw and each active journey made by an individual will be entered into a raffle to win a prize.

## Term 1 Diary Dates:

**Weds 11th Sept: Meet the Teacher for YR-Y4**

**Mon 16th Sept: PTA Meeting**

**Weds 18th Sept: Meet the Teacher for Y5 & Y6**

**Thurs 19th Sept: Individual Photos**

**Weds 25th Sept: Parent's Forum**

**Mon 30th Sept: EYFS Intake 2025 Open Morning**

**Fri 4th Oct: INSET Day: school closed to pupils**

**Tues 15th Oct: ESFA Girl's 7-a-side tournament**

**Thurs 17th Oct: PTA School Disco**

**Fri 18th Oct: 9:15 Rec & KS1 Achievement Assembly**

**Mon 21st Oct: PTA AGM**

**Thurs 24th Oct: ESFA School's 7-a-side tournament**

**Fri 25th Oct: 9:15 KS2 Achievement Assembly**

**Fri 25th Oct: Last day of Term 1**

## Parent's Forum

At Blackhorse we strive to offer every child the best all round education we can. We welcome feedback, both positive and constructive to help us improve the experience for the children. You are invited to come into school and meet with Mr Fry on **Wednesday 25th September at 9:10am** to share your experiences of life at Blackhorse. We value your input and use it to help us get even better. There will be hot drinks and treats available.

## Cashpot for Schools

Parentkind – a charity that supports our PTA- have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our PTA, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our school, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com. Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. So please sign up today.

# This week's Champions!

Each week, the staff nominate one child per class who has been a model pupil, demonstrating the values which we look for in Champion Learners! This week we have been focussing on the school value of Bravery. This week our nominees are:

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	<b>Lex &amp; Laiken</b>
Reception	<b>All of Ash and Beech</b>
Year 1	<b>Elsie &amp; Ella</b>
Year 2	<b>Lola B &amp; Isla K</b>
Year 3	<b>Harlow &amp; Leon</b>
Year 4	<b>Olly &amp; Ella</b>
Year 5	<b>Charlie &amp; Florence R</b>
Year 6	<b>Zayn &amp; Anaiya</b>

## This week's Champion...



This year we are reminding the children of our school values of Pride, Respect, Bravery and Success and encouraging them to apply them on a daily basis in everything they do. Each week our Champion gets to take home the House trophy for a week and from today they also get to take Champ home. Champ was donated by Isabelle who left for secondary school in July. Champ is made from her old uniform and we are so grateful for her thoughtful generosity.

Bravery is our focus this week and Olly in Y4 has been chosen as our Champion. Miss Urry writes; I am so impressed with the start Olly has made to Year 4 this week! He is already showing that he takes pride in all he does, approaching all tasks like a Brave Bear and never ever giving up, even on tricky tasks. As well as this, Olly is showing the adults in Year 4 that we can count on him to be ready, respectful and safe at all times. He is a role model to his peers and shows all the qualities of a true Blackhorse Champion! What a brilliant start

Attendance Champions this week: Year 1 99.2%

