Blair Peach Primary School
September 2019 Newsletter
“A nurturing environment where we all learn and aspire together.
To be the best we can.”

Rights Respecting Article of the Month - Article 28
Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free.
Secondary education must be available for every child. Discipline in schools must respect
children’s dignity. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Dates for your Diary:
Tuesday 3rd September
Pupils return to school/ Nursery closed all week/ No Breakfast club all week
Thursday 5th & Friday 6th September
School Dinner money online demo/help sessions for parents
Monday 9th September
Nursery opens today
Breakfast club starts today
Meet the Teacher for Year 1 parents 2.40pm
Tuesday 10th September
Meet the Teacher Year 2 parents at 2.40pm
Swimming starts for 4Moon
Wednesday 11th September
High school admissions mtg for parents 9am and 5pm
Meet the Teacher Year 3 parents at 2.40pm
Thursday 12th September
Meet the Teacher Year 4 parents at 2.40pm
Friday 13th September
Meet the Teacher Year 5 parents at 2.40pm
Monday 16th September
Meet the Teacher Year 2 parents at 2.40pm
Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th September
Reception pupils staying for lunch
Thursday 19th September
Reception pupils staying full time
Thursday 26th September
6Sun trip to London Docklands
Tuesday 1st October
Year 6 Heathrow Coding Challenge
Wednesday 9th October
Pupils Class group photographs
Friday 18th October
Staff training day—school closed for pupils
Monday 21st October—Friday 25th October
Half term week—school closed

Message from Mrs. Puri—Headteacher
A very warm welcome back, and welcome to anyone who is new to Blair Peach. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer spending time with family and friends. You will be glad to know that the children have settled into their new classes and routines really well. The start of each academic year is always very busy, and we greatly appreciate all the support you give us.

As always if you have any concerns or need more information about anything now or at any time during the school year please do not hesitate to contact the school office, your child’s class teacher or myself and we will try our best to help you.

We look forward to another happy, hardworking and enjoyable year.

Meet the Teacher Week Monday 9th September to Monday 16th September
We hope that you benefitted from these meetings with your child’s classteacher and the information given will enable you to support your child with daily routines and the priorities for the coming year. If you need to discuss your child’s progress or you want further information please make an appointment to see your child’s class teacher or a senior member of staff.

Early Morning Breakfast Club
We currently have vacancies in our early morning Breakfast club. If you would like your child to be a part of our Breakfast Club, please take a registration form from the school office. The cost for the breakfast club is £7.50 for the week (£1.50 a day). The timings are from 8.00am until 8.45 onwards.

Children will be able to come along and have a healthy and nutritious breakfast from a varied selection of food items. There are 2 members of staff who will be supervising the children, Mrs. N. Afsar & Mrs. K. Shingadia. After their breakfast, there are many activities in which the children can take part in such as board games, sports games, colouring, competitions etc to keep them busy until they need to go to their classes at 8.45am.
**Achievements outside School**

Well done to all our pupils who have had achievements outside of school. If there are any other pupils who have had achievements outside of school please let us know and we will include it in the newsletter.

In the 6 weeks holidays I went to do a Reading Challenge. This is when you read 6 books in 6 weeks. I won a certificate and a little medal for each book I read. I think other children should take part in this challenge.

Dhruv J from 5 Moon class

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**Main School Office**

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There are some children who are constantly dropped off late in the mornings and enter the main reception area every day. Please note that children should be in the playground by 8.40am so that their teachers can collect them promptly.

Whilst we are available for all parental queries we request that all parents wait their turn patiently. We request parents to be polite and respectful at all times as there are only two members of staff first thing in the morning in the school office. We would appreciate your help in supporting us in the following ways:

*If your child is sick in the morning please leave a message on the school answer phone.

*SCHOOL UNIFORM COLLECTIONS - Tuesdays and Thursdays only—if you have ordered your uniform online please collect from the school office on these days.

*SCHOOL MONEY—HELP WITH ONLINE PAYMENTS

Staff will be available to help you on Mondays and Wednesdays after school. Please bring your mobile phone with you.

Many thanks for all your support and understanding.

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**Children’s Absence from School**

If your child is absent from school, please telephone us first thing in the morning or email the school office: admin@blair-peach.ealing.sch.uk to let us know the reason why they are away. We will send out text messages to parents if your child has not attended school without a reason.

**Parents Emergency Contact numbers**

Please ensure that the emergency contact numbers that we have in the school are always up-to-date.

**Health/Medical Concerns/Allergies**

Please can you inform the school if your child is newly diagnosed with a medical condition (eg. Asthma/diabetes/any allergies). The school requires this information to ensure your child’s health, safety and well-being during the school day. Do make sure that asthma inhalers and epi-pens are provided for use at school. If you have still not sent in your green medical form for your child please send this in as soon as possible.

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**Donation for School Fund**

Many thanks to all the parents who have made the £5.00 donation to our school fund to help subsidise school events/activities for the academic year.

**School Dinner Money**

Please note that we have now started our online payments for school dinner money. You should have received a letter informing you of all the arrangements in July (a copy of this information letter is available on the school website). Your child can have a mixture of school meals/or packed lunch but you will need to order and pay for your child’s lunch. School money does not allow for the meal to be ordered on the day, so please ensure that you do this a day beforehand.

Reminder that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes do not need to pay for their school meals but you still need to order the meals online.

**School Dinner Money Help/Demo Sessions for Parents**

We held two school dinner money help/demo sessions for parents in September, sadly only a handful of parents attended on these days. Parents are turning up at other times requesting help.

If you need any help with School Money online payments, please come to the school office on any Monday or Wednesday after school and we will try and help you.

**Free School Meals**

If your child was eligible for free school meals last academic year, you must reapply again through Ealing Council. If you would like to find out if you are entitled to receive free school meals for your child, please speak to a member of staff in the school office. Schools rely heavily on funding from the government and a significant amount is dependent on the number of children in our school who are entitled to receive free school meals. Please apply even if your child at present prefers to have packed lunch or goes home or is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.

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**Important Housekeeping News**

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6 Sun have just returned from a wonderful day visiting the Docklands Museum in east London. After a train ride to Paddington and then two further underground trains we emerged from Canary Wharf Station to find ourselves amongst a world of glass skyscrapers and driverless trains! Spending the day in the area (and at the museum) has really helped us with our understanding of the River Thames – and the Docklands area during World War 2. A fantastic day that will help us with our history, geography and art lessons this term.
Procedures for Rainy/Wet Mornings

For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils
The class Teaching Assistant will open the class doors from 8:35am onwards and allow parents to drop children off early to avoid them getting cold or wet outside and supervise them until 8.45am. Reception/Nursery classes also have a sheltered area where parents are able to wait.

For Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Parents to take the children around to the KS2 playground and wait by the Year 3&4 doors and a member of staff will let the pupils in to wait in the hall from 8:30am onwards.

Parents do not need to wait with their children in the hall.

Reminder to parents – please do not take your children through the front Reception area unless they are late and it is after 8.45am.
If you let your children through any door, particularly through open front reception - this is a safeguarding issue as children have entered the school’s premises without a school adult supervising and knowing this has happened. Please ensure that children are on the school site by 8.40am.

Start of the School Day/Dismissal at the end of the day

KS1 parents please wait near the new garden beds once the children start lining up and leave as soon as a teacher is in the playground.
KS2 parents please wait near the grass area and leave once a teacher is present and the children have lined up. Please do not try and leave while the children are walking towards the school entrances. This will help with congestion and a prompt start to the school day.

If you need to speak to a teacher please make an appointment to see them.
We have a new appointment request form for you to use at the main office.

Thank you for your co-operation with the above.

Dismissal at the end of the day:
Reception/Year 1/Year 2 pupils – From the Class
Year 3 – from the school hall – KS1 doors
Year 4 – KS1 playground by the Year 4 doors
Year 5 – by the Pond Area
Year 6 – From the class independently once Classteacher has seen the parent standing outside.
6Sun is dismissed from the Gazebo area in the playground.

Safeguarding your child at school

Safeguarding your child whilst at our school is of paramount importance to all of us. To ensure this we have the following systems and routines in place:

♦ All staff working with children are DBS checked. This includes all students, visitors & volunteers.
♦ All visitors report to the school office and sign in on the Signing in screen and wear a Visitors badge.
♦ CCTV cameras are in operation 24 hours a day in most areas outside the school.
♦ School gates are locked at 9.00am until 3.00pm and remain shut throughout the day (apart from Nursery drop off and pick up times).
♦ Playgrounds are always supervised at playtimes and lunchtimes by members of staff.
♦ There is a member of staff on duty in the playground at 8.40am— for this reason we ask that children should not be left unaccompanied before this time.
♦ Children are not allowed to use any of the playground equipment in the mornings.
♦ Children are released at the end of the day from their classroom exits (for KS1) and their designated areas in the playgrounds for KS2.
♦ Children going home at lunch time are collected from the main front entrance.
♦ Parents need to make GP, Dentist and any other appointment after school time.
♦ Children going home for emergency appointments/sickness are collected from the main front entrance and signed for by a responsible adult.

ALL THESE PROCEDURES ARE TO SAFEGUARD YOUR CHILD. YOUR CO-OPERATION IN FOLLOWING THESE IS MUCH APPRECIATED. IF YOU WISH TO DISCUSS ANY OF OUR PROCEDURES PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF STAFF IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Parental Appointment Request Forms (Pink Slips)

Please be assured that we are always here to help and support parents in any way. But if you still feel that you need to speak to a senior member of staff, please fill in the parental appointment request forms (pink slip) which is available from the school office. A member of the office staff will contact you to arrange an appointment.
**Good Manners at Blair Peach Primary School**

- Saying good morning/afternoon if you are walking past an adult that you know
- Asking if you can borrow something, not just taking
- Returning things that you have borrowed
- Waiting your turn before you speak
- Saying 'excuse me,' rather than pushing past someone
- Holding the door open for the person coming in, especially if he is carrying something
- Respecting your own and other people’s property, especially school property
- Saying 'please' and 'thank you'.
- Sharing, turn taking and cooperating when playing. Using peer mediators and adults to resolve misunderstandings.
- Placing a hand over the mouth when you cough.
- Using a tissue when you sneeze.
- Remembering that spitting causes the spread of disease so clear phlegm from your mouth into tissues or the toilet.

**Attendance and Punctuality**

As in previous years, we would like to focus on excellent attendance and punctuality for all children. We appreciate your co-operation in getting your children to school by 8.45am and collected by 3.20pm every day. Please try to make GP/dental appointments after school or during school holidays as this will help minimise any disruption to your child learning.

**Leave of Absence in term time:**

Parents are reminded to arrange family holidays during the school holidays and not during term time. If however you decide to do so then a Leave of Absence form must be completed. Please bear in mind that if the school has unauthorised the absence, on your child’s return to school the paper work for a fine will be raised and forwarded to the Education Welfare Worker.

Currently the fine stands at £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days, increasing to £120 per parent per child and if there is further non payment after 28 days court action may be taken.

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### After School Clubs

Our after school clubs have now started, please see list. There are a variety of clubs for all year groups starting from year 1-6 and they are always very popular with all the pupils.

Lots of children are disappointed if they don’t get a chance to take part in their chosen club. Unfortunately we are only able to offer these clubs to a limited number of pupils. They are normally first come, first serve and a certain number reserved for each year group.

The clubs run every term and so children unsuccessful this time, will get a chance to take part in the future, so please tell them not to be upset or disappointed.

Alternatively there are lots of other outside clubs/ organisations that children can join listed here, further information can be found on our school website.

London Tigers based in Spikes Bridge Park
Southall Sports Centre
Hanwell Town Football Club
Hayes and Yeading Football Club

The classteachers will also be running after school clubs and more information/letters will be sent out shortly.

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