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Dear Parents/Carers

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday this week, Mr. Lowe and our school Digital Leaders led an assembly which raised the children's awareness of being safe on the internet and what to do if they see or hear something that upsets, worries or concerns them. Classes in Key Stage 2 have been visited by PCSO Luke Carson who has talked to children about safety on the internet and the effects of cyberbullying. Staff and pupils will be involved in activities linked to raising the profile of safety on the internet during the next few weeks.

Mr. Lowe has provided suggestions for useful websites for parents and children: <http://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk/parents/> and <http://www.childnet.com>. If parents would like further information about E-Safety, please contact your child's class teacher or Mr. Lowe who is the school's Computing Leader.

Tag Rugby Tournament

Well done to pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who participated in the Bradford East 1 Tag Rugby Tournament on Friday 3rd February. Years 3 and 4 came second overall in the competition and Years 5 and 6 were awarded best sportsmanship medals. Another huge success for Blakehill pupils. Medals and certificates were awarded in our Monday morning Celebration Assembly. Thank you to all children who participated, parents for ensuring their child had the right equipment and Mrs. Russell and Mr. Lowe for supporting the children at the event.

Competition Winners

We had a very good response from the design an image for the middle playground competition organised by the School Council. Entries were varied and the selection process was difficult due to the creative imagination of the children. Members of the school council made their decision based on the design which best portrayed the ethos of Blakehill and the winning design can be viewed on the school blog.

Congratulations to Liam Simpson (2P) for his winning design and to Emily Williams (5R) and Iris Rodriguez (6R) as runners up. All pupils who submitted an entry will receive a small prize. The design will create an exciting addition to the middle playground.

Chickenpox

A number of children in Year 1 have been unable to attend school due to an outbreak of chickenpox. We would like to wish all of them a speedy recovery and thank parents for being extra vigilant.

New Library

Plans are well underway to refurbish a section of the school building to accommodate a new school library. Currently the school has library areas in the lower and upper sections of the school building but these are also used as teaching areas and opportunities to use them explicitly as a library are limited. The new library, which all pupils and classes will have access to, will be used solely for reading activities, lunchtime clubs, parent Reading Cafes and for the children to use as a library – to select and borrow books.

The library will be located where the current changing rooms (next to the school hall), work should begin within the next few weeks.

Non-Uniform Day

School closes on Friday 17th February at 3:15pm and the children will be allowed to come to school in non-uniform. School is asking for a £1 donation for this. The School Council is hoping to use these contributions to buy additional resources for the new school library. Thank you in advance.

World Book Day

Mrs. Russell (5R) and Miss Gardner (RG) are busy organising activities for World Book Day which is on **Thursday 2nd March**. The theme this year is '*Wizardry of Words*' and will incorporate tales of witches, wizards and magic. We are asking staff and children to come to school on that day dressed as a character from any book, particularly if it is linked to the whole school theme. More information will be provided about other activities shortly.

Sainsbury's Vouchers Needed

We appreciate all the Sainsbury's vouchers already coming into school. We use them to help contribute to playground equipment at break times.

Diary Date Reminders

PTFA Cosy Disco: Wednesday 15th February

KS1 (Reception, Years 1 and 2) 5:00pm – 6:00pm

KS2 (Years 3-6) 6:15pm – 7:15pm

All pupils will exit via the year 1 exits onto the middle playground where parents can collect them.

Bradford City Sponsored Penalty Shoot Out: Wednesday 15th February.

Children need to bring their sponsor forms into school with them on that date. Closing date for sponsor money is **Friday 24th March** which can be paid directly to school or via ParentPay.

Parent Consultation Evenings – Spring Term: Tuesday 14th March: 3:45pm – 7:00pm and Thursday 16th March: 3:45pm – 7:00pm

Parents will be able to sign up for an appointment to see their child's class teacher via ParentMail or by contacting the school office from Monday 27 February.

Mid Term Reports on pupil progress will go out to parents on **Friday 10th March** and will provide information on your child's attainment, effort and behaviour at this mid-point through the academic year. You will have an opportunity to discuss this with your child's class teacher at the Parent Consultation evenings.



INVESTORS IN PUPILS



Class Assemblies for Spring Term 2017

Parents are welcome to attend our class assemblies held on Fridays at 2.45pm

10 February: 3P 17 February: 1P 3 March: 1W

10 March: RG 17 March: RD 24 March: 5H 31 March: 5R

Special Mention in Achievement Assemblies

Class	30 January and 6 February
6S	Owen Vento, Ravjit Panesar and Max Sharp
6R	Abubaker Sadiq and Anna-Grace Chen
5R	Subhan Rehman and Steven Hague
5H	Antony Flaherty and Stuart Williams
4Lo	Alfie Hodgson and Luke Toft
4L	Ethan Blackwell, Oliver Mitchell and Joseph Chellam
3R	Pasha Armitage and Lilly Carr
3P	Luke Fenton-Brown
2S	Olivia Whitfield
2P	Ruby Gregg
1W	Ivy Thornton and Mia Armitage
1P	Grace McCrory and Cora Crabtree
RG	Josephine Dewhirst and Charlie Walker
RD	Ben Craven and Leo Graham

Class Attendance trophy winners 31 January: 1P with 99.7 %

Class Attendance trophy winners 6 February: 5R with 99.3%

School closes for half term on Friday 17th February at 3.15pm and re-opens on Monday 27th February at 8.45am.

Enjoy the holidays!

T. Patterson
Headteacher

L. Keighley
Head of School

