

20 November 2015

## Newsletter 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Parents Teacher Consultation Evenings

Thank you to all who attended the Autumn Term consultation evenings last week. Feedback from parents and teachers was very positive and it was a pleasure to meet and speak with so many of you. Diary dates for the spring meetings:

**Tuesday 15 March and Thursday 17 March 2016.**

### Children in Need

Thank you to all children and parents that donated to our recent Children in Need Appeal. We managed to collect over £660 which is the most we have ever raised. We were inundated with cakes and buns for our 'Bake Off' making choosing a winner extremely difficult. Congratulations to Emily Dewhirst, Phoebe Connell and Ethan Dickinson who won prizes for their cake donation. A massive well done to all of the children who came to school dressed as their favourite superhero and a big thank you to Mrs Hall for organising the event.

### PTFA

Our PTFA are organising a Secret Christmas Shop in school where children can buy gift-wrapped presents for mum/dad, grandparents etc at a cost of £2 per present. Children from all classes will be given the opportunity to buy a present in school time on **Monday 7 December**. The PTFA will be sending out a letter providing additional information nearer the time.

### Secret Santa Appeal

Blakehill has again decided to participate in The Secret Santa Appeal this year, a scheme which helps to support disadvantaged children and families at Christmas time. Labels, which can be collected from the school office, have the name, gender and age of a disadvantaged child. The idea of the scheme is that if a label is collected, a gift is bought for that child and will be forwarded to them in time for Christmas. Gifts often take the form of: footballs, games, books, dolls, selection boxes etc and are age/gender appropriate. If you would like to help us to support the Appeal which is coordinated and championed by our Chair of Governors, Mr Cavalier-Lumley, please contact the school office. Gifts need to be returned to the office, unwrapped, by **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December**.

### School Choir

On Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 December, our wonderful school choir will be performing a repertoire of Christmas Carols at Bradford University Graduation ceremonies. The children (and staff) have been practising hard and sounded fabulous during this week's music assembly. Thank you to Mrs Marsden and Mrs Bedell who have worked tirelessly to ensure the choir are 'pitch perfect' we are sure that they will do us proud on their debut performance.

### Christmas Diary Dates

**Reception Nativity:** Wednesday 9 December at 10.00am and Thursday 10 December at 2.00pm

**Years 1 and 2 Nativity:** Wednesday 9 December at 2.00pm and Thursday 10 December at 10.00am  
Friday 11 December at 2.00pm

*Please note spaces are limited and tickets are available from the school office.*



This year KS2 will also be celebrating Christmas with a Christingle at St Cuthbert's Church

Year 5 and Year 6 on Tuesday 15 December at 10.00am

Year 3 and Year 4 on Wednesday 16 December at 10.00am

**Reception and Key Stage 1 Party:** Tuesday 15 December

**Years 3 and 4 Party:** Wednesday 16 December

**Year 5 and 6 Cinema Trip:** Friday 11 December

### **Congratulations Mr. Rhodes!**

We are delighted to announce that Year 6 teacher Mr. Rhodes' wife gave birth to a baby girl, Betsy Emilie, last week. Mother, child *and* Mr. Rhodes are all doing well and we wish them all the very best.

### **No Chewing Gum, Please**

A number of children have been bringing chewing gum into school recently. Please ensure your child does not bring any into school. Sweets and chewing gum should not be brought into school by children.

### **Class Assemblies for Autumn and Spring Term**

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

**27 November: 3G    8 January: 4L    15 January: 4G    22 January: 6W    29 January: 6R**

**5 February: 1P**

### **Special Mention in Achievement Assemblies**

<b>Class</b>	<b>9 November and 16 November 2015</b>
6W	Keo Powell, Emma-Jo Jeffery
6R	Rebecca Royston, Macie Vento
5S	Lily Fenton-Brown, Larissa Watson
5H	Vinnie Surtees, Ruby Charlesworth
4G	Millie Bather, Jaya Bhandal
4L	Alfie Mawson, Charlie Dailey-Boots
3L	Alex O'Connell, Rees Bickerdyke
3G	Caelan Batty, Hollie Williams
2S	Ella Henderson-Marsay, Ollie Salter
2R	Harvey Neylon, Theo Davids
1R	Jayden Walters, Ollie Turner, Max Ealham
1P	Eleanor Williams, Cara Ledgard
RW	Patrick Williams, Edward Grattan
RD	Niamh Flack, Abigail Fenton-Brown

Class Attendance trophy winners 9 November: 4G

Class Attendance trophy winners 16 November: 3L

Yours sincerely

T. Patterson  
Headteacher

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Head of School



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