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Newsletter 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have enjoyed a couple of very busy and exciting weeks since our last newsletter, with all of our children (and staff) settling back well. Our new Reception children appear to be enjoying their time and experiences at Blakehill and staff are very proud of how well they have adjusted to the recent changes and new routines.

We also welcome children and families that are new to Blakehill in other year groups. Since the start of term, we have had four children join us and they too have settled in well.

Year 5 Ingleborough Trip

On Monday this week, despite the weather, we waved off our pupils in year 5 as they began their 5 day residential to Ingleborough. They have enjoyed a wonderful week of hiking, caving, tree climbing and gorge scrambling and will return home Friday afternoon; exhausted but happy. Videos of the children can be accessed via our school blog. The children, as always were a credit to the school.

Special thanks to Mr. Lowe for keeping this updated and giving parents daily 'contact' with the children. Thank you to all staff and governors who accompanied the Year 5s and helped to make this year's residential a memorable and enjoyable trip: Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Russell, Mr. Lowe, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Cavalier-Lumley, Mrs. Hudson, Miss Wilson, Mrs. Horrocks, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Cavalier- Lumley.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

A massive thank you and well done to all who helped, attended and donated cakes and buns in support of our MacMillan Coffee Morning which was held in the school hall today. As always, we were overwhelmed with the support of staff and parents who all contributed to ensure that the morning was a great success. A special thank you to Nikki Williams, Janet Pedley and Paula Corbridge for organizing and coordinating the event. We will notify you of the total amount raised for this worthwhile cause once all monies have been counted.

Sponsored Obstacle Course

On Monday 3 **October** we are having our annual sponsored obstacle event. Children should bring 'suitable clothing' for the event and hopefully the weather will remain fine for it to go ahead. The money raised for School Fund will help towards providing better learning resources across school. The money also pays for transport costs for residential visits in Years 4, 5 and 6.

Parents are also very welcome to watch, or even better join in and tackle our obstacle course with their child. The timetable for the taking part is:

9.15am: Reception classes, **9.45am:** Year 2 classes, **10.15am:** Year 4 classes, **10.45am:** Year 3 classes, **11.30am:** Year 5 classes, **1.30pm:** Year 6 classes, **2.30pm:** Year 1 classes.

Children in Reception classes can come in their PE kits and stay in them for the remainder of the day.

Parent Pay

As you are aware, Parent Pay is now available for parents to use to pay for school lunches and the facility appears to be working well from the feedback provided by parents. We are hoping to extend the facility so that payment for school trips etc. can also be made through Parent Pay by October half term. Naturally, we will inform you of this as soon as this is live and ready to use. If any parents are experiencing difficulties in using the online payment system, please contact the school office.



Bradford Food Bank

This year, as in previous years, Blakehill will be supporting the Bradford Metropolitan Food Bank, a local, volunteer organisation which works tirelessly to provide food supplies for impoverished families within our community. A special assembly was held yesterday which highlighted the plight of some of these families/individuals. A letter from Mrs Pinder, who coordinates this appeal has already been sent home to advise you on how you can help to support the appeal if you wish to do so.

Parent Meetings

There is a meeting for **Reception parents** on **Wednesday 5th October at 6:00pm** and a **Year 6 Parents** Meeting on **Thursday 6th October at 6:00pm**. Both will be held in the school hall. Parents should have received letters in advance of these meetings which provide further information.

Diary Date

The school photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 11 October** to take individual pupil photos. Family groups can have photos taken at 8.00 a.m.

Home Reading

Blakehill continues to strive for improvement and urges parents to support their child's learning wherever possible. Listening to your child read really does have an impact on their learning. This is why we encourage parents to listen to them read as often as possible. We consistently achieve great results at Blakehill, especially in reading. Additional frequent reading at home prevents the risk of children lagging behind others.

Please take a little time each day to listen to your child read, as regular practice really does pay off.

Teachers will be pleased to give any guidance should you need it. Information about our Reading Café will be available shortly.

Is your child's lunchbox healthy?

As a 'Healthy School' we strongly advise parents to take special care if you decide to send your child to our school with a packed lunch. We do not allow sweets or chocolate bars / buttons. We would appreciate your support with this. If your child brings a snack to school for morning break, this should be kept separately in the classroom so to avoid pupils disturbing lunchboxes at playtimes.

No Nuts, Please!

Some of our children have a very severe reaction to nuts. For this reason, please can I request that parents not to put nut based products in packed lunches or snacks. On advice from the School Nurse this should also include products with 'traces of nut' in the ingredients.

Again I would appreciate your support.

Allergies

If your child suffers from any allergy (food/ pollen etc.) could you, please inform the school office? We endeavor to take the necessary precautions to limit allergic reactions. Ideally, this information should be updated annually.

Child Absence from School

Please let staff in the school office know before 9.00am if your child is unable to attend school. To ensure child safety our Learning Mentor, Mrs. Corbridge will contact parents if we have not received notification after registration closes.

After School Clubs for Autumn Term 1

The following activities will be provided this half term.

Extreme Frisbee: Year 6

Tag Rugby: Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Gymnastics: Years 1, 2 and 3.

Cross country: Key stage 2.

Multiskills: Years 1 and 2.

Parents will be notified later in the term of the clubs on offer for other year groups after the Christmas break.



INVESTORS IN PUPILS



Polite Reminder

In the interest of the safety and well-being of our children and their families, smoking and dogs are prohibited within the school grounds. Signs located around the school premises are a reminder of this. Thank you.

Class Assemblies for Autumn Term

Parents and carers are welcome to attend our class assemblies held on Fridays at 2.45pm in the school hall. Access to school is made via the main entrance.

14 October: 5H 4 November: 5R 11 November: 6S 18 November: 6R 25 November: 4L
2 December: 4Lo

Special Mention in Achievement Assemblies

Class	19 and 26 September 2016
6S	Lucy Rhodes and Jake Ferris-Eamer
6R	Holly Walters and Ellie Williams
5R	Joseph Greehalgh
5H	Ravneet Toor
4Lo	Jack Radfelder and Rees Bickerdyke
4L	Ethan Blackwell and Maaya Khan
3R	Ella Marsay and Jake Gabbutt
3P	Jessica Cowell and Nasir Chowdhury
2S	Charlie Wild and Zack Ali
2P	Kobe Oram and Owais Rehman
1P	Harrison Keep and Harley Moreland
1W	Bonnie Broscombe and Justyn Walters

Class Attendance trophy winners 16th September: 5R with 99.3%

Class Attendance trophy winners 23rd September: 4L with 98%

Yours sincerely

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Head of School

T. Patterson
Headteacher