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Newsletter 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

Children in Need

Thank you once again to all who donated buns and cakes for Children in Need. We managed to raise a fabulous £682.37. Well done to everyone!

PTFA - School Disco

The PTFA have organised a Christmas Disco (time to get those Christmas jumpers out) on **Tuesday 6 December**. Entry is £2.00 per child and hotdogs, drinks and other treats will be available at a small cost.

Reception and Years 1 and 2 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Years 3,4,5 and 6 6:15pm – 7:15pm

All children should be collected from the Year 1 / 2 playground after the disco.

Secret Santa Shop

Just a reminder about the PTFA Secret Santa Shop which will visit each classroom on Monday 12 December. There will be a variety of gifts available at £2.00 each.

Staying Safe

Our children have recently been made aware of staying safe on their journey to and from school during key stage assemblies. As the dark evenings are now upon us this is even more prevalent. Some of our older children walk home and have been advised not to speak to strangers, but to walk with friends, carry their mobile phones and stay within areas of good lighting. Younger pupils have also been reminded that they are not allowed to leave the school premises on their own or with anyone they do not know.

In view of this, can parents please let the school office know in advance if arrangements over who collects their child changes. Thank you.

New Parents

We have had a number of prospective parents of children wishing to join Blakehill in September visit our school during the last couple of weeks. Feedback has been hugely complimentary and reflects the excellent effort that pupils and staff at Blakehill make to ensure that our school is consistently a good place to learn.

Winter Snow Advice

With winter fast approaching, the prospect of snow raises the question will school be closed?

The decision to close or open during challenging weather conditions is never taken lightly and it depends on the severity of the snowfall and the immediate forecast. Every effort to stay open is made and we will close school only on health and safety grounds if we do not have enough staff able to get into work. It remains at parents' discretion if they deem it safe to bring their children and we are sympathetic to parents if they bring them to school after registration. If we do decide to close school we will inform parents as soon as possible through the school website, ParentMail, Bradford Schools Online website and the local radio.

Walking Nativity

Congratulations to our wonderful school choir for their performance at St Cuthbert's church 'Walking Nativity' on Saturday 26 November. It was lovely to see so many of Blakehill's children, parents and staff, accompany the Nativity on its journey to Bethlehem. I spoke with Reverend Colin Blake earlier this week who praised the children and their families for their contribution. The choir also sang at the Graduation ceremonies at Bradford University on Wednesday and Thursday this week. We are very proud of them for being great ambassadors for the school. Thank you also to Mrs. Bedell and Mrs. Marsden who coordinated the choir.



Secret Santa Appeal

Our Secret Santa Appeal is proving to be a massive success this year with many presents for some of Bradford's disadvantaged children already pouring in. Thank you to all families that have bought Christmas gifts for these children. Could we ask that all donations be in school by Friday 9th December for collection on the following Monday morning.

Christmas Diary Dates Reminder

Finally, a reminder of all of those important dates for your diary, as we well and truly launch into the festive season again this year.

Christmas Diary Dates

Whole school Christmas dinner: **Monday 12 December**, *children to wear their Christmas jumpers/clothes*

Reception Nativity: Wednesday 7 December at 10.00am and Thursday 8 December at 2.00pm

Years 1 and 2 Nativity: Wednesday 7 December at 2.00pm and Thursday 8 December at 10.00am

KS2 Christingle Service at St Cuthbert's Church

Year 5 and Year 6 on Wednesday 14 December at 2.00pm

Year 3 and Year 4 on Thursday 15 December at 2.00pm

Reception and Key Stage 1 Party: Tuesday 13 December

Years 3 and 4 Cinema Trip: Monday 12 December

Year 5 and 6 Cinema Trip: Friday 9 December

Class Assemblies for Autumn and Spring Term

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

2 December: 4Lo 13 January: 2P 20 January: 2S 3 February: 3R 10 February: 3P
17 February: 1P 3 March: 1W

Special Mention in Achievement Assemblies

Class	21 November and 28 November 2016
6S	Chloe Ayres and Thomas Craven
6R	The Whole class and Kane Sargeant
5R	George Grattan and Liam Jeffery
5H	Aaron Armitage and Joseph Young
4Lo	Neve Padgett and Lily Agar
4L	Oliver Mitchell and the whole class
3R	Asees Singh and Douggie Abdallah
3G	Dudley Brett and Lucy Lee
2S	Alex Szabo and Lily Worrilow
2P	Georgie Stockdill and Joshua Watson
1W	Patrick Williams and Theo Trotter
1P	Molly Simpson and Zack Williams
RG	Holly Preston and Teegan McKinnen
RD	Kai Burgan and Mikey Smithies

Class Attendance trophy winners 21 November: **6S with 99.3%**

Class Attendance trophy winners 28 November: **5H with 99.7%**

School closes on Friday 16 December at 3:15 and reopens on Wednesday 4 January at 8:45am.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

L. Keighley
Head of School



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