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Newsletter 14

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday and a well deserved break.

It's the summer term!

Hopefully, we shall have lots of fabulous weather this summer term, so please remember to keep your child safe in the sun. We encourage all of the children to have their own water bottle (which they can fill up in the classroom), as well as having their own named sun hat to wear. If the weather is going to be hot, in the past, parents have put all-day sun cream on their child before coming to school, - therefore only needing one application.

We hope the children can use the field as much as they did last year; however, there is very limited shade around the field itself. The children can use the shade and shelters to sit in if they wish.

Attendance

Attendance last term was just below national average at 95% (national is 96%). Thank you to those of you who ensure that your child attends school regularly. Children who have had 100% in the Spring Term will receive a certificate.

If your child is absent for any reason, please inform the school office. For safeguarding purposes, school are obliged to contact parents if we have not received notification of a child's absence. In the first instance this is by ParentMail. Please respond to the texts as soon as possible.

Important notice

Could we please urge parents to regularly monitor their child's use of their mobile phones and other devices. It has recently come to school's attention that some children who have access to WhatsApp, Instagram, and other social groups/media sites have become involved in incidents which have resulted in malicious and inappropriate messages being posted about individuals. As you can imagine, this causes a great deal of distress to the child/children involved and their families. We acknowledge that what can often start as innocent 'postings' can often spiral out of control very quickly. As we have observed, this can then affect behaviour and relationships between the children in school.

Last half term, PCSO Luke Carson provided workshops for all classes from years 3 – 6, which raised an awareness of online safety and the causes and impact of cyberbullying. Our children are still very young and although we do our best to educate them of the possible disadvantages to having access to a range of apps, we cannot regulate what happens when the children are out of school. Parental support with this is essential.

Mrs. Keighley delivered an assembly this week to reinforce to the children that any type of bullying in school is unacceptable. Teachers will continue to address this in their PHSE lessons this term.



Reception Class Canopy

This week saw the completion of a new outdoor classroom to our Reception classes. It should provide additional learning areas for our youngest children even when our British weather is at its worst! During this period, access through the Reception playground has been unavailable. This has worked really well and Reception staff have requested that this be a permanent arrangement as it will allow them to set up the outdoor provision earlier, before the children arrive rather than waiting until after 9:00am. We have agreed to trial this for the Summer Term. We would therefore ask for your support in using the top gate and the gate onto the field from Doctor Hill as access to school unless you need to go to the school office, in which case the bottom gate can be used. Naturally, if this arrangement causes too much of an inconvenience to our children and parents, we will reconsider. Thank you.

PTFA

Looking ahead to our Sumer Fair, our PTFA are requesting that owners of any independent businesses that would like to have a stall at the Fair, contact them. These stalls could be: beauty (e.g. Body Shop etc.), candles and wax melts, teacher end of year gifts or crafts and hobbies. Blakehill's Summer Fair is on **Saturday, 24th June from 1:00pm - 3:00pm**. Each pitch is £15.00 and will be allocated on a first come/pay basis (with no duplicate stalls). Anyone interested should contact a member of the PTFA or the school office.

Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. The closing date for these is Tuesday 2nd May.

School Trips

Our Reception classes had a wonderful day at the Rainbow Factory in Rodley on Tuesday 25th April. The children enjoyed a performance of Jack and the Beanstalk before a picnic lunch and an afternoon stroll through 'fairyland'.

Our year One children visited Skipton Castle on Wednesday 26th April and returned to school with stories of being 'locked' in the dungeons of the castle!

Thank you to all staff and parent helpers who offered their time and support on these days.

SATs

During the week commencing Monday, 8th May, our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their end of Key Stage 2 Assessments. The children and staff have been working very hard to ensure all children are in a position to demonstrate their full potential and we all wish the pupils 'Good Luck'. The assessments will be administered each day during that week. It is vital that all children attend school every day that week. Parents should have already received a timetable with additional information.

Diary Dates

Bank Holiday

School will be closed on Monday 1 May to observe the Bank Holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday 2 May at 8:45am.

Sports Day

Weather permitting, Sports Days will be held on the following dates in May:

Tuesday 16 May: Reception classes, Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday 17 May: Years 3 and 4

Thursday 18 May: Years 5 and 6

Further information will be provided by your child's class teacher nearer to the event.

End of Term: School will close for Spring Bank on **Friday 26 May** and reopens on **Monday 5 June**



INVESTORS IN PUPILS



Class Assemblies for Summer Term 2017

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

28 April: 1P 5 May: 1W 19 May: 4L (Mrs Gould) 26 May: 4Lo 9 June: 2P
16 June: 2S 23 June: 3R 30 June: 3P 7 July: RG 14 July: RD

Special Mention in Achievement Assemblies

Class	3 April and 24 April 2017
6S	Ruby Firth
6R	Lucia Buttle
5R	The whole class, Macey Nash and Jimmi Preston
5H	The whole class and Amelia Chellam
4Lo	Madinah Abbas, Lois Watson and the whole class
4L	Daniel Hodgson and all of 4L
3R	Ruby Donnan and Ollie Simmons
3P	Elliot Pederson-Stead and Max Flynn
2S	Martha Kettlewell and Lewis Ward
2P	Flo Hepton and Bronwyn Blackburn
1W	Dexter Owen and George Kinch
1P	Blake Banks and Alfie Williams
RG	Ella Rendell, Tyler Lee and Alex Sherriff
RD	Lola Normington, Kai-James Burgan and Oscar Williams

Class Attendance trophy winners 3 April: **4Lo with 100%**

Class Attendance trophy winners 25 April: **2S with 96.7%**

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

Lisa Keighley
Head of School

