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### Newsletter 12

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to everyone who braved the elements this morning. Special thanks to Samm the Site Manager for clearing the snow from the paths.

#### World Book Week

Children and parents in Years 1, 2 and Reception had a wonderful experience on Thursday evening when they returned to school for a bedtime story with their teachers. The evening was 'topped' off with biscuits, hot chocolate and a free book for each child to take home and enjoy.

We are grateful to **Pearsons**, the book publishers, for their kind donation. Many thanks to all the staff for making it such an enjoyable experience.

Pupils in other year groups were given the opportunity to share reading experiences by reading and listening to children from different year groups. A reading quiz was also given out to children in KS2 on Thursday this week. If pupils complete these and return them to school with 50p by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March they will be entered into our competition. One prize per year group will be awarded for winning entries. A big thank you to Mrs Hall and Mrs Wardell for organising the events.

#### Easter Egg Appeal

On Monday this week, our Chair of Governors, Mr Phil Cavalier-Lumley visited school to tell children about Bradford's Easter Egg Appeal and how, if they wanted, they could help. As in previous years, children and their families are asked to donate Easter eggs to school which will then go to children of families that receive very little during this holiday period. Donations are being collected in our school office. As always, we appreciate any support you are able to provide.

#### E-safety workshops

Following an assembly led by Mr Lowe and Miss Lea last half term, classes in Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) will have the opportunity to participate in various workshops aimed at raising the children's awareness of how to keep safe whilst using the Internet.

We were fortunate to purchase new smartboards for two of our classrooms and a larger screen and projector for our main hall during the half term break. One of the replaced smartboards was donated to Blakehill Extra Club and the other one was donated to St Cuthbert's Church, Wrose.

#### Penalty Shoot Out

Before half term a representative from Bradford City Football Club came into school to talk to the children about the sponsored penalty shoot out to be held in school on **Thursday 10 March**. This is an event the school supports every year and is an opportunity for the school and club to raise money which is divided between school fund and Bradford City in the Community.

Parents should already have received a letter and a sponsor form and the children are looking forward to taking penalties against Billy Bantam! Children should come to school in their uniform on that day.

#### Sports Relief

To support Sports Relief, the School Council has organised a sponsored mile event on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March**. A letter providing further information and a sponsor form will be sent out on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Children will be allowed to come to school in sportswear on this date.

#### Staff News

Just before half term, Mrs Penny MacMillan, the School's Business Manager resigned. We would like to wish her all the very best in her future pursuits. The school is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Tina Denham who became our new Business Manager earlier this week. Mrs Denham has a wealth of experience in school business and finance



management. May we take this opportunity to welcome her to Blakehill and wish her the very best in her new role. It is with sadness that we inform you of the recent death of James Meade who, some of you may remember, was our school crossing patrol man before Mr Drinkwater. Jim was always a valuable asset to the school, making great efforts to ensure our children were safe when crossing Highfield Road. Naturally, our thoughts are with Jim's family.

### 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. Thank you!

### Diary Dates

#### Parent Teacher Consultation Evenings

**Tuesday 15 March and Thursday 17 March: 3.45- 7.00pm.**

To make an appointment to see your child's teacher you need to do so via ParentMail.

School Nurse Drop in clinic – **Tuesday 8 March 9:00-10:00am.**

**Mid Term Reports** on pupil progress will go out to parents on **Friday March 11.**

**Class Photographs to be taken Friday 18 March**

#### Parent Workshops

Parents have an opportunity to find out how they can help their child in Reading, Writing and Maths by attending teacher led workshops in school. The dates for these are:

**Year 5 and 6 parent workshops are at 6.00pm - 7.00pm on Tuesday 12 April.**

**Year 3 and 4 parent workshops are at 6.00pm - 7.00pm on Tuesday 19 April.**

**Year 1 and 2 parent workshops are at 6.30pm - 7.30pm on Thursday 21 April.**

#### Class Assemblies for Spring Term 2015

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

4 March: RD (will be rescheduled due to being postponed) 11 March: RW

#### Summer Term 1

22 April: 5H 29 April: 5S 6 May: 4L 13 May: 4G 20 May: 2R 27 May: 2S

#### Special Mention in Achievement Assemblies

Class	22 February and 29 February 2016
6W	Hannah Ellis and Pelin Shepherd
6R	Elyse Rooks and Skye Hooley
5S	Toby Blenkins and Jake Watson
5H	Bailey Thomas, Patrick Rhodes, Billy Padgett and Ben Bean
4G	Alfie Carter and Steven Haigh
4L	Phoebe Connell and Spencer McConaughie
3L	Honey Barclay and Miley Skillicorn
3G	Maaya Khan and Amaan Faisal
2S	Chloe Greaves and Dempsey Hutchinson
2R	Max Flynn and Rajveer Singh
1R	Harley and Kaidan Jones
1P	Louis North and Simone Spence-Ullah
RW	Bonnie Broscombe and George Kinch
RD	Charlie Penman and Alfie Williams

Class Attendance trophy winners 22 February: 3L and 5H – 99.7%

Class Attendance trophy winners 29 February: 6R: 98.6%

Yours sincerely

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