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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 have 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 just matched national average at 95%. Thank you for making sure 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 of our children we contact parents if we have not received notification. In the first instance this is by ParentMail. Please respond to the texts as soon as possible.

Year 3 Take a Bow!

Parents of Year 3 pupils were given a real treat this week. The children took part in a premier of their films based on the theme 'Eldorado'. Certificates, Oscars, photo opportunities and the red carpet treatment were in evidence to conclude an excellent media/literacy topic that certainly had the wow factor! Many thanks to Mr Lowe and Miss Gardner for all their hard work in making the project so memorable.

Homework Topic Gallery

Children in KS2, (years 3 – 6) have produced some excellent homework projects related to topics that they have been learning about in class. To celebrate their wonderful work, the school hall will be transformed into a gallery on the morning of **Thursday 21 April from 8:45am** where the children's work will be displayed for parents and friends of the school to view. Among these will be models, artefacts and written assignments on: Ancient Civilizations, Rivers, Living Things and the Amazon Rainforest.

Year 5 and 6 Parent Workshops

Thank you to those parents who attended the English and Math's workshops for years 5 and 6 on Tuesday evening this week. Parents were able access information about new curriculum changes, participate in English and Math's led activities and discover more about the strategies we use at Blakehill to ensure that all of our pupils make good progress and are ready for the next steps into Secondary Education.

Nell Bank Residential

A HUGE well done and thank you to the children in year 4 and the accompanying adults who had a thoroughly wonderful time at Nell Bank this week. The children were extremely well behaved and enjoyed many outdoor activities including: pond dipping, woodland walks, mini-beast hunting and orienteering. This was for many of the children, the first time they had spent a night away from their families. Photos/videos of their adventures can be accessed via the school blog.

School Parent Governor Vacancy

Just a quick reminder that the closing date for expressions of interest for parent school governor is **Monday 18 April**. Please contact the school office for further details.

Parent Consultation Evening Feedback

Thank you to the many parents that took the time to provide us with feedback about our school. It is reassuring to know that the school is held in high regard by our parents. Our events to support Sport Relief raised £1323 although we appreciate that the request for this was bad timing as it coincided with our Bradford City Penalty Shoot Out. Thank you for your support and we will ensure that in the future sponsored events are not so close together.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 19 April: Year 3 and 4 Parent Workshops – 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Thursday 21 April: KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Parent Workshops – 6:30pm -7:30pm.

Class Assemblies for Summer Term 2016

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

Summer Term 1

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

Summer Term 2

17 June:3L 24 June: 3G 1 July: 1R 8 July: 1P 15 July: RD and RW classes



Special Mention in Achievement Assemblies

Class	21 March and 11 April 2016
6W	Louise Wakefield and Emma Jo Jeffrey
6R	Adel Rahman and Esha Faisal
5S	Whole class and Emily Dewhirst
5H	Isabella Rawson and Libby Cole
4G	Millie Bather and Evelyn Wild
4L	Liam Rhodes and Amelia Chellam
3L	Aarish Verma and Jack Peacock
3G	Cora Kerin and Emily Carette
2S	Jake Gabbutt and Cleo Henderson-North
2R	Rajvir Singh and Cadey Gosley
1R	Luke Jeffrey and Lily Worrilow
1P	Mason Wilson and Jayden Horn
RW	Justyn Walters and Evie Burton
RD	Harrison Keep and Cora Crabtree

Class Attendance trophy winners 23 March: **2S** with 99. %

Class Attendance trophy winners 11 April: **4G** with 99.2%

Yours sincerely

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Head of School

