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Newsletter 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parents Teacher Consultation Evenings

Thank you to all who attended the Autumn Term consultation evenings last week. Feedback from parents and teachers was very positive and it was a pleasure to meet and speak with so many of you. Diary dates for the Spring meetings: **Tuesday 14 March and Thursday 16 March 2017.**

Children in Need

Thank you to all children and parents that donated to today's Children in Need Appeal. We were inundated with cakes and buns for our bun sale. Details of how much was raised will be provided in our next newsletter. Thank you to Mrs Hall and Mrs Russell (Year 5) for organising the event.

PTFA

Our PTFA are organising a Secret Christmas Shop in school where children can buy gift-wrapped presents for mum/dad, grandparents etc. Children from all classes will be given the opportunity to buy a present in school time on **Monday 12 December**. The PTFA will be sending out a letter providing additional information nearer the time.

Secret Santa Appeal

Blakehill has again decided to participate in The Secret Santa Appeal this year, a scheme which helps to support disadvantaged children and families at Christmas time. Labels, which can be collected from the school office, have the name, gender and age of a disadvantaged child. The idea of the scheme is that if a label is collected, a gift is bought for that child and will be forwarded to them in time for Christmas. Gifts often take the form of: footballs, games, books, dolls, selection boxes etc and are age/gender appropriate. If you would like to help us to support the Appeal which is coordinated and championed by our Chair of Governors, Mr Cavalier-Lumley, please contact the school office.

Attendance

Overall whole school attendance for Autumn 1 was 96.6%. National average is 96%.

Please ensure that if your child is absent from school through illness, the school office is notified. This will then be recorded as an authorised absence. Parents of children who achieved 90% (or less) attendance during the first half term due to unauthorised absence will receive a letter from school to inform them that attendance will be continued to be monitored and further action will be taken if necessary. The Local Authority Attendance Officer works regularly with school and families to ensure pupils attend school as regularly as possible. Thank you to all parents who ensure their child attends school regularly.



Social Media

Occasionally, school receives concerns raised by children and parents with regards to comments made by other pupils and parents on social media during out of school hours. This can cause much distress to those individuals involved and, in isolated incidences, both school and the police have been involved to try to resolve concerns. Can we ask parents to be extra vigilant of the content of social media communication, eg. Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat etc. that their child uses at home. Thank you.

School Choir

On **Saturday 26 November** children in our school choir will be meeting at St Cuthberts' Church in Wrose to sing and participate in the Walking Nativity organised by Rev. Colin Blake. We will be meeting at the church at 4:45pm and the whole event should take approximately one hour. Everyone welcome!

For the fourth year running, the choir will once again be performing a repertoire of Christmas Carols at the Bradford University Graduation ceremony on **Wednesday 30 November** and **Thursday 1 December**. The children (and staff) have been practising hard and the wonderful sound of Christmas carols can be heard in the corridors at lunchtimes. Thank you to Mrs Marsden and Mrs Bedell who organise the events and work hard to ensure the choir are 'pitch perfect'. We are sure that they will do us proud with their performances throughout the festive season!

Maths Mastery Week

On Monday, the children enjoyed a Quantum Theatre Production of '**Shape, Space and Desperate Measures**' to launch Maths Mastery week in school. This week in classes the children have participated in a range of activities linked to the Shape, Space and measures element of the Maths Curriculum, with a particular emphasis on problem solving and mastery. Thank you Mr Sidebottom for organising the events.

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 will also be celebrating Christmas with a Christingle at St Cuthbert's Church

Year 5 and Year 6 on Wednesday 14 December at 1.30pm

Year 3 and Year 4 on Thursday 15 December at 1.30pm

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

18 November: 6R	25 November: 4L	2 December: 4Lo	13 January: 2P	20 January: 2S
3 February: 3R	10 February: 3P	17 February: 1P	3 March: 1W	



INVESTORS IN PUPILS



Special Mention in Achievement Assemblies

Class	7 November and 14 November 2016
6S	Tia Bell and the whole class
6R	Vinnie Surtees and Matthew Wakefield
5R	Emily Williams and the whole class
5H	Zain Peltier and the whole class
4Lo	Taylor Gibson and Daniel Coe
4L	Maisie Bowers and Joseph Chellam
3R	Reshay Conway-Desmier and Asees Singh
3P	Leah Mole and Ethan Kettlewell
2S	Amber Stoneman and Zach Earley
2P	Ethan Blackburn and Mia Holmes
1W	Oliver White and Oscar Ellis
1P	Bilal Parvez and Layla Ward
RG	Hari Singh and Sebastian Hetherington
RD	Thea Regan and Florence Prentice

Class Attendance trophy winners 7 November: RD with 98%

Class Attendance trophy winners 14 November: 5R with 99.3%

Yours sincerely

T. Patterson
Headteacher

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Head of School