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Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent Questionnaire -

Thank you to all who completed the Governing Body's questionnaire held during parents' evenings before Easter. The results are below.

Results are below:

Prompt	Graded on a scale of 1 -10 (1 = strongly disagree, 10 = strongly agree) From a total of 182 parent responses									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I believe that my child is happy at school	5 3%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	1 0.5%	4 2%	4 2%	20 11%	26 14%	122 67%
I believe that my child feels safe at school	5 3%	0 0%	0 0%	1 0.5%	1 0.5%	3 2%	1 0.5%	13 7%	25 13%	133 73%
I receive valuable information about my child’s progress	3 2%	2 1%	1 0.5 %	2 1%	5 3%	8 4%	8 4%	28 15%	32 18%	93 51%
I believe that my child makes good progress at school	4 2%	1 0.5%	0 0%	1 0.5%	0 0%	6 3%	6 3%	20 11%	27 15%	117 64%
The homework that my child receives is:	Too much 16 9%			Just right 141 77%		Too little 24 13%			None 1 0.5%	
Have you had any concerns about bullying this academic year?	Yes 26 14%					No 156 86%				
Did you raise these concerns with school	Yes 24 92%					No 2 8%				
With the regards to your concerns about bullying:										
The school responded well	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	2 8%	2 8%	3 13%	2 8%	6 25%	9 38%
With regards to raising your concerns over bullying:										
The problem was solved	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	4 17%	2 8%	2 8%	4 17%	3 13%	9 38%
Does your child have learning difficulties and receive support under the school’s Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Provision?	Yes 11 6%					No 171 94%				

With regards to your child’s SEND provision:										
Provision meets my child’s needs	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	1 9%	1 9%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	4 36%	1 9%	4 36%
Would you recommend Blakehill to another parent?	Yes 176 97%					No 6 3%				
How do you prefer to be kept informed about school activities?	Email		Text Message			Website		Printed Newsletter		
	130 71%		120 66%			36 20%		60 33%		

Polite Reminder

May we remind parents that school has an 'open – door policy' and that you are always welcome to come in to school to speak to staff with any questions, queries or concerns you may have. This system has proven effective for many years and is preferable to unhelpful comments about the school being aired on social media. Thank you.

Year 6 SATs

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who have successfully completed their End of Key Stage Assessments (SATs) this week. We are all incredibly proud of their hard work and wish them all the very best. Results usually arrive during the second week in July and the children will be notified of the outcomes by school during that week.

Attendance

This week, school has received a significant number of requests for authorisation for holidays in term time. Whilst school appreciates that the cost of holidays is cheaper for families at this time, school cannot authorise these periods of absenteeism as we are held to account for attendance by both the Local Authority and the Department for Education. The National average figures for attendance is 96%. The overall % to date (from September to April) is 95.7% which, although is only slightly below, is an indicator that we are below national percentages at this present time. Attendance, like pupil outcomes, is an indicator of how well the school is performing overall. School regularly notifies the parents of pupils who have poor attendance to ensure that the high expectations that we have at Blakehill are maintained.

PTFA

Just a couple of notices from the PTFA.

The date for this year's Summer Fair is Saturday 24 June (1pm – 3pm). The theme is Pirates and Princesses and there will be a fancy dress competition on the day. The last collection date for teddies is 26th May. Please see the PTFA Facebook page for further details.

Sports Day Dates

Weather permitting, Sports Days will be held next week on the following dates:

Tuesday 16 May: Reception classes, Year 1 and Year 2 starts at 1:45pm

Wednesday 17 May: Years 3 and 4, starts at 2:00pm

Thursday 18 May: Years 5 and 6, starts at 2:00pm

Parents and other family members are more than welcome to join us on the school field to support their child/ren. The gate at the top of Doctor Hill will be opened for access at approximately 1:30pm. 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 26th May** and reopens on **Monday 5th June**. There will be a non-uniform day on **Friday 26th May**. Children are being asked to bring a £1 donation for this.

Class Assemblies for Summer Term 2017

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

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



INVESTORS IN PUPILS



Special Mention in Achievement Assemblies

Due to Year 6 Assessments this week, a Celebration Assembly was not held on Monday 8 May.

Class	2 May
5R	Alexis Bourgaise
5H	Jake Townend
4Lo	Shannon Williams
4L	Daniel Hodgson
3R	Elise Stratton
3P	Sophie Bellerby
2S	Harley Banks
2P	Afroz Jagot
1W	The whole class and Oscar Ellis
1P	The whole class
RG	The whole class
RD	The whole class

Class Attendance trophy winners 2 May: **4L** with 97.8 %

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

Lisa Keighley
Head of School

