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Newsletter 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that the recent half term break was an enjoyable and restful one for you all.

We would like to thank all of you who attended and donated to the Brainstrust Charity in support of our friend, colleague and parent Niki Williams. We raised a massive £868.16 and we were overwhelmed with your messages of support. Thank you. A special mention to Mrs. Pringle and Miss Wilson for organising the Zumbathon extravaganza.

Parents Teacher Consultation Evenings

If you have not booked already please do so via ParentMail or the school office should you need to make an appointment for **Tuesday 10 November or Thursday 12 November 2015**. Parents of pupils in Mr Rhodes' class (6R) should have been contacted with information regarding changes to the Thursday appointments. If you have not received information please contact the school office.

Lost Property

On Parents Evening there will be an opportunity to collect any lost items before they are sent to charity. Items will be available in the Intervention Room from 3.30pm. This is also a reminder to parents to please label all your child's property.

Year 6 at Blackpool

Pupils in Year 6 certainly do like to be beside the seaside following their visit to Blackpool Pleasure Beach just before half term. A splendid (and educational) time was had by all. Many thanks to the Year 6 teaching team of Miss Wilkinson and Mr. Rhodes for all their hard work in planning the event and to the staff and many parent helpers for helping to make the day such a success.

Food Bank Appeal

Again, another thank you to everyone who helped with the Bradford Food Bank Appeal. The response was even better than last year and I have been asked by Keith Thompson from the Food Bank to pass on their appreciation.

Christmas Diary Dates

Reception Nativity: Wednesday 9 December at 10.00am and Thursday 10 December at 2.00pm

Years 1 and 2 Nativity: Wednesday 9 December at 2.00pm, Thursday 10 December at 10.00am and Friday 11 December at 2:00pm

Reception and Key Stage 1 Party: Tuesday 15 December (pm)

Years 3 and 4 Party: Wednesday 16 December (pm)

Year 3 and 4 Christingle Service at St Cuthbert's Church, Wrose: Wednesday 16 December at 10:00am (parents welcome)

Year 5 and 6 Cinema Trip: Friday 11 December (am)

Year 5 and 6 Christingle Service – St Cuthbert's Church Wrose: Tuesday 15 December at 10:00am (parents welcome)

Staff News

It is with huge regret that we have to announce that Miss Wilkinson (6W) will be leaving Blakehill at Christmas to pursue a career in Safeguarding and Child Protection. Miss Wilkinson has worked at Blakehill for ten years and has been tremendous asset to the school, being an exceptionally highly regarded member of our school community. Naturally she will be greatly missed. I hope that you will join us in wishing her all the very best success in her new venture.



Parents of pupils in Years 2 and 6 have been notified of staff changes which will allow continued high quality provision for the pupils in these classes. From January 2016, Mrs. Russell will become the Year 6 class teacher and will work alongside Mr. Rhodes and Mrs. Keighley to ensure all pupil learning needs are met.

Mr. Durkin, an experienced teacher who joined us in summer 2015 and has taught in most classes throughout school will replace Mrs. Russell as Year 2R class teacher.

The considered changes should ensure minimum disruption to the teaching and learning of all pupils in the Years 2/6 classes and will provide the continuity and cohesion that the school demands.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have been asked again by our Chair of Governors, Mr Cavalier-Lumley, to appeal for a parent to fill a vacancy that our Governing Body has for a parent governor. If you would like to apply for the position or require further details, please contact our school office who will be more than happy to help.

Polite notice

Can we please remind parents that wherever possible, children's dental/medical appointments should be made outside of the school day to reduce the impact on teaching and learning and attendance. Thank you.

Reading Café

There are still a number of places available for parents of children in Years 1 and 2 who wish to attend the Reading Café with their child on Wednesday afternoons from 3:15pm – 4:00pm. For further details or to reserve a place please contact the school office.

After School Clubs for Autumn Term

The following activities will be provided this half term and continue from last half term:

Tag rugby on Mondays for Years 3 and 4

Tag rugby on Tuesdays for Years 5 and 6

Gymnastics on Tuesdays for Years 1, 2 and 3

Tri golf on Wednesdays for Year 4

Multi-skills on Thursdays for Years 1 and 2

Parents will be notified later in the term of the clubs on offer for other year groups in the Spring term.

Class Assemblies for Autumn Term

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

6 November: 5H

20 November: 3L

27 November: 3G

Special Mention in Achievement Assemblies

Class	19 October and 2 November 2015
6W	Whole class and Emma Story
6R	Whole class and Lucy Oakman
5S	Laaibah Khan and Dhruv Patel
5H	Lucia Buttle and Ellie Williams
4G	Amelia Shaw, Dylan Hunt and whole class
4L	Hayden Pringle and whole class
3L	Lily Agar and Libby Grace
3G	Eve Goodyear and Amelie Haxby
2S	Taylor Townend and Lucy Kemsley
2R	Ehizojie Iyoha Imadojemu and Ethan Kettlewell
1R	Declan Goodaire and Freya McConnaughie
1P	Evie Kettlewell and Bronwyn Blackburn
RW	Ivy Thornton and Louis Greaves
RD	Miller Palmer and Mollie Simpson

Class Attendance trophy winners 19 October: 4L and 4G

Class Attendance trophy winners 2 November: 6W and RD

Yours sincerely

T. Patterson
Headteacher

L. Keighley
Head of School

