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Spring Term 2022

Welcome back after the half term break. Fingers crossed that sunshine that we experienced at the weekend is a sign of brighter days ahead.

It is great to see so many upcoming events in our diary dates section of this newsletter - it is such a refreshing change after the last two years when we have been restricted from providing much of what we normally do.

You will be aware that most COVID measures have ended following the Prime Minister's announcement on the 21st February. As an organisation that supports 419 pupils and 60+ staff, I am asking that anyone who tests positive for coronavirus do not attend school. This will help me to protect others in our school community. I appreciate your support with this.

Parent / Teacher Consultation Evenings

Tuesday 22nd March 3:45pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday 23rd March 3:45pm - 7:00pm

It is with the greatest pleasure (and relief) that we are able to invite our parents into school for the Spring Term Parent/ Teacher Consultation Evenings once again. 10 minute slots are available for parents and class teachers to meet to discuss their child's achievements and progress. Appointments can be made using your School cloud account. If you experience any difficulty arranging an appointment, staff in the school office are more than happy to help you with this.

Parents are invited to our Open Classrooms on **Tuesday 15th March 3:30pm - 4:30pm** to look at their child's work in advance of Parents' Evening.

You will receive your child's mid-term report on **Friday 18th March**.

Forum for parents of pupils with SEND

We understand how difficult it is for parents of pupils with additional needs to find the support they need. Parents often say that they feel isolated and uncertain of what to do and who to speak to for the best advice.

You are not alone!

Our first ever parent forum is at 9:00am on Wednesday 9th March in school. ALL parents are welcome to attend.

BCFC Penalty Shoot-Out

Children will prepare to test their penalty shoot-out skills against Billy Bantam on **Thursday 10th March** when they participate in the annual sponsored event. The children should wear school uniform as usual. The deadline for sponsor money to be sent to school is Wednesday 18th May. Thank you.

Upcoming events/ diary dates this half term

Year 2 visit to Harlow Carr:
Monday 7th March

Year 6 Visit to Tropical World:
Monday 14th March

Year 4 Swimming lessons commence **Thursday 3rd March**

Year 1 Gurdwara visit: **Tuesday 8th March**

SEND Parent Forum/coffee Morning (all welcome):
Wednesday 9th March

BCFC Sponsored Penalty Shoot Out - **Thursday 10th March**

Red Nose Day – **Friday 18th March**

Parent Mid-Term Reports - **Friday 18th March**

Year 3 Visit to Leeds Discovery Museum: **Thursday 24th March**

Open Classrooms: **Tuesday 15th March 3:30pm - 4:30pm**

Spring Term Parent/Teacher Consultation evenings: **Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March**

PTFA Mothers' Day Stall - **Friday 25th March**

PTFA School Disco
Tuesday 5th April
KS1 4:30pm - 5:15pm
KS2 5:30pm - 6:30pm

£578 was raised as a result of our Break the Rules Day last half term. This will be donated to the organisers of the Wrose Carnival. Thank you for helping us give back to our community!

Reading Cafes

Parents of pupils in year 2 enjoyed extra Monday morning reading time in class this week. Our reading Café for year 2 is every Monday morning from 8:15am. Year 1 Reading café commences on Thursday 10th of March from 8:15am and Reception class from Tuesday 8th March at 8:15am. All parents are welcome to attend to share this reading experience. Juice and biscuits are provided.

It's a Kind of Magic

It really has been a magical week at Blakehill Primary School this week. Dazzling Darren entertained the whole school on Monday with a baffling array magic tricks and illusions. He visited classes to demonstrate his wizardry and provide the children with knowledge and skills that are only ever disclosed in the Magic Circle. The children had an amazing time and hopefully managed to master some magic of their own. Thank you to Mrs Rashid and Mrs Hall for organising the visits and for the PTFA for helping support funding the event. MAGIC!!



World Book Day

What a great day we had on Thursday celebrating World Book Day. Thank you to parents and pupils alike for their fabulous efforts in helping us to bring the magic of reading alive.

Extra- Curricular Clubs

This term we are offering the following selection of extra-curricular clubs:

Day	Lunchtime	After school
Monday	Tranquillity KS2 Lego KS1 Colouring Year KS1 and LKS2	Year 1 Multi Skills including a competition Years 1-6 Mindful Colouring
Tuesday	Tranquillity KS2 Lego KS1 Colouring Year KS1 and LKS2	Dance KS2 Year 1 Multi Skills
Wednesday	Tranquillity KS2 Lego KS1 Colouring Year KS1 and LKS2	Years 5 & 6 Dodgeball KS2 Singing Years 5 & 6 Basketball
Thursday	Learn to Rock Rock Steady Tranquillity KS2 Lego KS1 Colouring Year KS1 and LKS2	KS2 Box Fit KS1 Football
Friday	Tranquillity KS2 Lego KS1 Colouring Year KS1 and LKS2	Reception Multi Skills



We are once again supporting the Bradford Easter Egg Appeal this year. Donations of chocolate Easter Eggs will be gratefully received up until 1st April and will help to make more of a difference to some of the disadvantaged children across our district.



PTFA

I met with our group of PTFA volunteers earlier this week to discuss proposals for fund raising events for the remainder of this academic year. This enthusiastic and committed team are relentless in their fund raising mission!

We are planning to organise the following events:

Mothers' Day Stall: **Friday 25th March**

School Disco - Festival themed: **Tuesday 5th April**

Fathers' Day Stall: **Friday 17th June**

The return of our annual summer fair: **Saturday 11th June**

More details will be provided nearer to the event. Please also see the school's official Facebook site for upcoming details.

Lost Property

We still have a huge of misplaced and unnamed items of clothing in school. The next display of these items will be before school and after school on Friday 1st April.

Please contact our school learning mentor, Mrs Bottomley if you require any items of clothing.

Staff News

Good luck and best wishes to Mrs Johnston who leaves school to start her maternity leave on Friday 11th March and Mrs Javed who leaves on Friday 18th March. We wish them both much love for the coming weeks and months - busy days ahead.

Parents of pupils in 4J and 5J have been informed of their child's new class teachers.



Blakehill Values and Ethos

Pupils at Blakehill receive house points for demonstrating a positive attitude to their learning, trying their best, never giving up, even when faced with challenges, high quality work and supporting others in their learning. This system encourages pride, achievement and teamwork. House points recognise individual and collaborative achievements. All children belong to a house team. The names of these teams have strong links with Bradford and are named after Jowett cars.

KINGFISHER

KESTRAL

JAVELIN

JUPITER

Well done **JUPITER** who were our house winners for the whole of last half term. A non-uniform day for you today to celebrate!



Attendance - making every day count!

Current whole school attendance is **94.4%**. National is 96%. Making sure that your child attends school as regularly as they can is important!

Let's make sure we achieve 96%

Attendance target Blakehill!

Congratulations to
our 100%
attendance winners!

Well done to 5J top
attending class this
week - £5 voucher for
you!



Persistent Absenteeism

If attendance falls below 90%, this is classed as persistent absenteeism 65 pupils at Blakehill are identified as persistent absentees. The majority of these have valid reasons for their poor attendance e.g. COVID, long term illness etc. It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that their child attends school as regularly as possible and schools are legally obliged to monitor and address poor attendance. It is our job to help to support you and prevent long term persistent absenteeism resulting in prosecution. Parents will be kept informed of their child's attendance regularly should this become a cause for concern.

Celebration Award winners **Monday 28th February**. Well done children we are very proud of you.



Class Assemblies 2021-22

Class assemblies are on a Friday afternoon at 2:30pm. It is a pleasure to once again be able to invite our parents into school to watch their child's assembly. The dates of all class assemblies are:

PLEASE NOTE: 2P assembly in July is on a Thursday.

8th October: 5G15th October: 5J22nd October: 4R5th November: 4J12th November: 1D19th November: 1G26th November: 3S3rd December: 3R14th January: 6R21st January: 6H28th January: 2S4th February: 2P11th February: RW4th March: RP11th March: 1G18th March: 1D1st April: 6R29th April: 5G6th May: 5J20th May: 3R10th June: 3S17th June: 4J24th June 4R1st July RP8th July: RW14th July: 2P15th July 2S

Please note: For child protection and safeguarding reasons, we request that all photos and videos should be for personal use only and not shared on social media without the consent of other parents