

Blakehill Primary School

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Summer Term 2022

Welcome back after the half term break - I hope that you enjoyed some quality time with your family. There are 5 weeks left until the summer holidays with school closing for the Summer on Friday 22nd July. We are looking forward to another busy half term!

PTFA Summer Fair

We had a fabulous day on Saturday 11th June at our first school Summer Fair since 2019. The local community joined Blakehill families past, present and future for an afternoon of fun.

A huge thank you to all members of the PTFA and school staff for their commitment to ensuring that the day was a success. A great deal of behind the scenes organising and same day setting up/ clearing away goes into events like this and could not be achieved without this group of volunteers.

Thank you for all of your donations - we really could not do it without you!



Sports Day – Diary Dates Reminder

Parents/carers should have received letters providing details of their child's sports day this term. Sports Days will go ahead again this year with family and friends welcome to attend. The dates and times of these are:

Year 1 – **Tuesday 21st June: 10:00am - 11:00am**

Year 4 – **Tuesday 21st June: 2:00pm - 3:00pm**

Year 3 – **Wednesday 22nd June: 10:00am - 11:00am**

Year 5 – **Wednesday 22nd June: 2:00pm - 3:00pm**

Year 6 – **Thursday 23rd June: 2:00pm - 3:00pm**

Reception – **Friday 24th June: 10:00am - 11:00am**

Year 2 – **Friday 24th June: 2:00pm - 3:00pm**

Fingers crossed for fine weather!

3S Assembly

3S assembly has been **rescheduled**. The new date for this is **Wednesday 22nd June at 2:30pm**. Parents/ carers welcome.



Upcoming events/ diary dates

Sports Days: week commencing
Monday 20th June

Year 2 Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Thursday 23rd June

Meet the new teacher day
Tuesday 5th July

End of year reports to parents:
Friday 8th July (changed from 1st July)

Year 6 residential to York:
Wednesday 29th June – Friday 1st July

Year 6 Prom:
Monday 18th July 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Year 6 Leavers' Production
Wednesday 20th July

Year 6 Awards' Ceremony:
Friday 22nd July at 9:00am (families welcome)

Whole school Award's Ceremony
Friday 22nd July

School closes:
Friday 22nd July

Community News

Marie Curie are having a fundraising tea party at Bolton Villas Church on **Saturday 25th June 12:00pm – 3:00pm**. Everyone welcome.

New Reception Parent Welcome

Last week, school staff and governors met with many of the new parents/carers who have children starting in September.

It was great to see so many new (and some old) faces. There were even some ex Blakehill pupils there! We are really looking forward to working with you all in September!

Thank you to all staff and friends of Blakehill that attended the meeting.

Year 6 Leavers

Transition work has already started in year 6 and pupils and staff are busy making sure that our Year 6's are well prepared for this next stage in their education. Year 7 staff from feeder secondary schools are visiting Blakehill to meet with the pupils and staff to gather information about each child before they start high school in September. There are also a number of transition days scheduled. This is when our Year 6 pupils visit their new schools.

The final term is always an emotional time for our year 6 pupils. Their friendships, behaviours, attitudes and reactions can appear unpredictable and a little erratic. If you have any concerns or would like support or advice, please speak with a member of the Year 6 team.

It really is a busy time for these pupils. We have an end of year residential, a 'prom', a Leaver's Production and an Awards Ceremony to squeeze in to the last remaining weeks of their primary school education.

We would like to invite the families of Year 6 to the Awards Ceremony on the last day of term. This is a special event where we come together to acknowledge and celebrate the successes of each child. This will be on **Friday 22nd July at 9:00am.**

Please also see the upcoming events/diary dates section of this newsletter for additional dates. More detailed information about these year 6 events will be provided shortly.

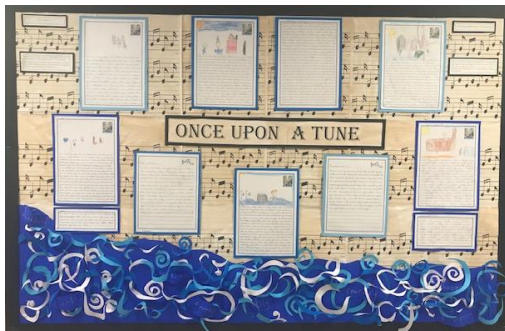


Queen's Platinum Jubilee commemorative book

The Department for Education has provided a free commemorative book for all reception to year 6 age children in state-funded schools across the country. This celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year and achievements of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth over the last 70 years. All Blakehill children have been given their book today.



Once Upon a Tune. The whole school have been reading stories from many lands inspired by great music. They have battled trolls with **Peer Gynt**, grappled with a magic broom in **The Sorcerer's Apprentice**, sailed the seven seas with Sinbad in **Scheherazade** and disguised themselves as bees in **The Flight of The Bumble Bee**. Storytelling, classical music and art have been combined to create an imaginative and magical adventure across school. Our corridors are alive with musical stories...



Jubilee Garden

Thank you to parents/carers for their donations of the Good to Grow Vouchers from Morrisons. Our School Council have been busy planting and creating a school Jubilee Garden.

Thank you School Council (and the green - fingered Mrs Grattan!)

My Wellbeing Counts

This half term we will be taking much of our learning outdoors, exploiting opportunities for all children to be involved in collaborative learning activities and exploring ways of supporting one another. We understand the importance of being outdoors, being active in our learning and connecting with others and the impact that these factors have on our wellbeing. Year 6 pupils are currently working on projects to raise awareness of how children and young people can help look after their mental health and give this the same profile as physical health.

We hope to share some of our learning with you shortly.



Summer Term School Visits

School visits and residentials enhance and enrich everyday classroom learning. They are a valuable part of practice at Blakehill.

Yesterday, children in Reception class visited Thornton Hall Farm. They had a great day and it was lovely to see so many parent/grandparent helpers. The children really benefit from the additional adult support and we always welcome volunteers. Thank you.

Next week, our Year 2 children will visit the Yorkshire Wildlife Park in Doncaster. This visit provides opportunities for the children to explore, learn and have fun while finding out all about AMAZING animals at the Park.

Pupils in Year 6 visit York later this month on their 2 night residential. This visit links with their History learning and we are sure that it will be an enjoyable experience for all.

Sun Safe Reminder

As the weather finally starts to improve, we are reminding children to bring water bottles and sun hats in to school. Sun cream should be applied before school as staff are unable to apply this.

Uniform Bank

All lost property including donated items of preloved uniform will be on display in the KS1 playground on the afternoon of Friday 8th July. Many of these items are in excellent condition and will help keep uniform costs down at a time when everything seems to be more expensive.



Every
day
counts



Attendance and Punctuality

Schools are under increasing pressure to improve their pupil attendance and punctuality. Revised policies have been introduced to support schools with this. These will be implemented from September 2022 at Blakehill Primary. Pupils are required to attend school every day unless they are not well enough to do so. National average attendance is 96%. Prior to COVID, our whole school attendance was in line with national expectation. This year this has dropped to 94%. The number of pupils hitting the persistent absentee trigger has also risen this year. If this applies to your child, you will have been notified of this. This picture is reflected nationally.

Holidays in term time are not permitted and could result in a fixed penalty notice, particularly if previous holidays have been taken during school time or a child's attendance is below national average.

From September, we are legally obliged to implement these revised measures aimed at improving attendance. We will provide you with more information and support in the new academic year.



Staff vacancy

We are looking to appoint a teaching assistant to start September 2022. The closing date for this post is **Friday 24th June**. For more details, please contact our School Business Manager, Vicky Scott on 01274414355 or email office@blakehill.bradford.sch.uk

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

KESTREL

JAVELIN

JUPITER

Well done **KINGFISHER** house winners last half term. Non-uniform day today for you!

Attendance - making every day count!

Current whole school attendance is **94%**. National is 96%. Making sure that your child attends school as regularly as they can do is important!

Let's make sure we achieve 96%

Attendance target Blakehill!



Congratulations to our 100% attendance winners!



Well done to 3R and RP top attending classes - a £5 voucher for you!

Celebration Award winners **Monday 6th and 13th June.**

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.

8 th October: 5G	11 th March: 1G
15 th October: 5J	18 th March: 1D
22 nd October: 4R	1 st April: 6R
5 th November: 4J	29 th April: 5G
12 th November: 1D	6 th May: 5J
19 th November: 1G	20 th May: 3R
26 th November: 3S	10 th June: 3S
3 rd December: 3R	17 th June: 4J
14 th January: 6R	24 th June: 4R
21 st January: 6H	1 st July: RP
28 th January: 2S	8 th July: RW
4 th February: 2P	14 th July: 2P
11 th February: RW	15 th July: 2S
4 th March: RP	

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