

Blakehill Primary School

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Summer Term 2022



Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils on completing their end of key stage assessments last week. Their effort, determination and resilience really paid off and was rewarded with a day of leisure, team-building and ice-cream celebration. Thank you to all staff involved, particularly to Mrs Russell and Mr Hodges for ensuring that the week was well organised and ran smoothly for the children. Results will be available to schools from 5th July and will be shared with pupils and their parents/carers shortly after.

After 5 years as a class teacher at Blakehill, Mr Hodges (Year 6) is saying his goodbyes next week as he takes the very exciting step into middle leadership at Shibden Head Primary Academy. Mr Hodges successfully completed his training at Blakehill as a student teacher and has continued to strengthen his practice. The pupils and staff will miss him. I am sure that he will be an asset to his new school.

On behalf of governors, staff and pupils, I would like to thank Mr Hodges and wish him much love and happiness in this next chapter of his career. Mrs Hall and Mrs Keighley will teach 6H until the end of the term.

Calling all cake makers...

Any enthusiastic cake makers out there willing to make and donate a cake for the Summer Fair cake auction? Please contact the school office if you can help. Thank you!



Upcoming events/ diary dates

Year 2 SATs commence:
Monday 16th May

School closed for Queen's Jubilee Day
Friday 27th May

SPRING BANK

School closes **Thursday 26th May**
School reopens **Monday 6th June**

Year 1 Phonic Screening: Week commencing **Monday 6th June**

New Reception Parents Evening
Tuesday 7th June 5:30 pm

Summer Fair
Saturday 11th June 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Reception class to Thornton Hall Farm
Thursday 16th June

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



PTFA Summer Fair Appeal

Our PTFA are requesting donations of bottles, jars and teddies for Blakehill's Summer Fair which is on **Saturday 11th June 1:00pm - 3:00pm.**

Pupils in KS2 (years 3, 4, 5 and 6) are being asked to bring a bottle donation to school for the bottle tombola.

Pupils in Reception classes and KS1 (years 1 and 2) are asked to bring in jars. These are usually filled with sweets but can be filled with any goodies appropriate for a school jar tombola.

We are also collecting teddies for our teddy tombola. These will be cleaned prior to the Fair so the sooner these are brought into school, the more time we have to launder them.

Cakes/buns can be donated from week commencing Monday 6th June for the cafe

All donations are very much appreciated and will help us to make this year's Summer Fair the BEST yet! Our next PTFA meeting is at 6pm, in school, on **Tuesday 24th May.** All welcome

Platinum Jubilee

A picnic lunch can be ordered via Parent Pay for our Right Royal Tea Party next week to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Children are also welcome to bring their own packed lunch if they wish to do so.

The Tea Party is on Thursday 26th May.

Children can come to school wearing the traditional red, white and blue or clothing suitable for a royal party.



Support for parents with additional needs

We understand how difficult it is for parents with pupils that have additional needs to find the support and advice that they need to help them manage their child's needs. We also recognise that family members also require emotional support, practical advice and signposting to people who can help.

The school's SENDCOs Mrs Pinder and Mrs Gould have been very successful this year in establishing a parent forum where support and expertise is sought and bringing this into school to make it accessible for parents. We are one of the leading primary schools in the area to offer this service and feedback from families that have attended conferences and workshops have been very positive.

All parents, carers, other family members and staff members from local schools are welcome to attend all sessions.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 24th May: 9:00am - 10:00am - George Zito (Mental Health Practitioner) will be available to discuss a range of young people's mental health concerns.

Wednesday 22nd June: 9:00am - 10:00am - Parent Forum. Meet with other parents/carers and provide a support network.

We understand that these sessions are all during the school day. The times and dates are set within the working timetable of the presenting lead professionals.

There is also a parent WhatsApp support group. For more details, please contact Mrs Gould/ Mrs Pinder.

Wrose Carnival 2022

A message from the organisers of Wrose Carnival as a result of our Break the Roles Day fundraising earlier this term.

*'A big thank you to all staff and pupils at Blakehill Primary School for the **£578.80** you raised for the Wrose Carnival by holding a non-uniform day at school. Hope you had a great day.'*

Thank you everyone!

Penalty Shoot-Out

A whopping £3052.50 was raised by our families for this year's sponsored penalty shoot-out. The money raised is divided between school and the BCFC Community Foundation. Thank you to everyone for their support in raising this extra money for school. We are expecting medals and balls etc. to be delivered next week.

Enriching our learning

As part of their History work on the Egyptians, Year 3 visited Leeds City Museum on Thursday.

Reception class enjoyed a visit from creatures great and not so small yesterday. Giant snails, centipedes and even a tarantula made an appearance. The children are certainly braver than the adults at Blakehill!

Sports Day – Diary Dates Reminder

Sports Days will go ahead again this year with family and friends welcome to attend. To give parents time to plan ahead, 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**



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 this week!

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 is important!

Let's make sure we achieve 96%

Attendance target Blakehill!

Well done to 3S
top attending
class this week
- a £5 voucher
for you!

Congratulations to
our 100%
attendance
winners!



Celebration Award winners **Monday 16th May**. 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: 5G

15th October: 5J

22nd October: 4R

5th November: 4J

12th November: 1D

19th November: 1G

26th November: 3S

3rd December: 3R

14th January: 6R

21st January: 6H

28th January: 2S

4th February: 2P

11th February: RW

4th March: RP

11th March: 1G

18th March: 1D

1st April: 6R

29th April: 5G

6th May: 5J

20th May: 3R

10th June: 3S

17th June: 4J

24th June: 4R

1st July: RP

8th July: RW

14th July: 2P

15th 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

