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**Autumn Term
2019**

Autumn Term Parent/ Teacher Consultation Evening

Thank you to all parents that attended our Parent's Evening this term - it was lovely to meet you all. We had a fabulous response to the parent surveys and the outcomes of these will be shared with you once we have collated all of the information.

We are looking at other ways to provide parents with information about their child's progress in addition to our current methods. We will be asking for your suggestions on how we can improve this, next term.

Upcoming events/ diary dates this half term

Year 3 / 4 Movie night-

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NEWSLETTER

Community Events

St Cuthbert's Church Wrose
Walking Nativity (all welcome)
**Saturday 30th November from
5:00pm**

Idle Lights Switch On – **Sunday 1st
December 3:00pm**

Our School choir will be
attending both of these local
events. Thank you Mrs Scott for
organising this

Listen, show good
manners, and
contribute

Polite, kind
and helpful
to others

Be ready
to learn

Be a good
role model

Respectful,
helpful, kind

Ask questions,
Speak up if she's not
happy /does not
understand

Behaviour Principles

Many parents left comments about their expectations of pupil behaviour in school during our open classroom event earlier this month.

Your feedback is invaluable in helping us draw up our behaviour **for learning policy** so that it reflects the shared aspirations and beliefs of governors, staff and parents for our children at Blakehill.

You said:

Work hard
and have
fun

Work hard
Focus

Treat others with
respect
No bullying
Listen to the teachers

Polite, helpful,
listen to others,
respectful

Your comments reflect our
three behaviour rules at
Blakehill. These are:



**Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Safe**

Curriculum Enrichment

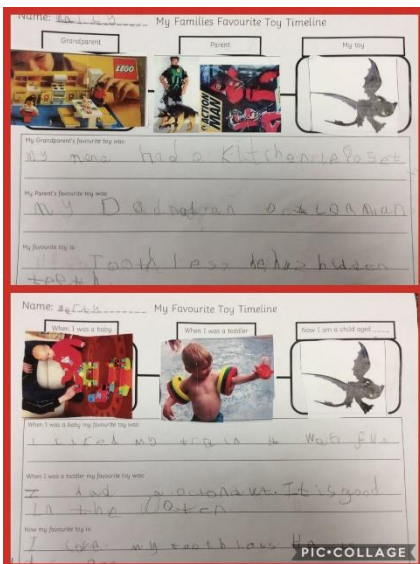
We place a great emphasis on enriching children's learning experiences across the curriculum at Blakehill, promoting opportunities that help our children develop the skills and knowledge that they will need to become life-long learners and responsible young people. Here are some example of our children's learning during the last two weeks.



Year 2 discussing ways to tackle bullying



Year 1 visit to Abbey House Museum
- comparing old/new toys



Year 1 History homework projects - well done!



Celebrating Children in Need Day!

Secret Santa

Blakehill has again decided to participate in The Secret Santa Appeal this year, a scheme that helps to support disadvantaged children and families at Christmas time. Our Chair of Governors, Mr Phil Cavalier-Lumley delivered an assembly to the whole school on Tuesday this week to inform pupils. Labels will be available from the school office from today and will have the name, gender and age of a disadvantaged child. The idea of the scheme is that if a label is collected, a gift is bought for that child and will be forwarded to them in time for Christmas. Any gift will be gratefully received and does not need to be wrapped. If you would like to be involved, please contact the school office or ask your child to pick up a label from the school office.

Please see our
school Twitter
and our
website for
more photos



We got messy making spiders on incy wincy spider day!



We celebrated world nursery rhyme week. We sang *hickory dickory dock* down in the jungle and *row row row your boat*!

Developing rhyming skills in
Reception class



Year 2 investigating which materials are suitable for making waterproof hats for our teddies.

Blakehill Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair this year is on **Tuesday 3rd December 3:30pm - 4:45pm**. We have many wonderful stalls and games and Father Christmas has promised to pay us a visit too! Our PTFA are very busy helping school to make sure that we have a very festive and memorable evening.

Thank you so very much for the donations of chocolates for our chocolate tombola. Donations of preloved toys/games, bottles are still being received so please continue to hunt down any unwanted items. The PTFA are asking for donations of mince pies, cakes, buns etc. for our Christmas café and again these can be brought into school anytime from now until Tuesday afternoon. We hope that as many of you as possible can join in the fun! £1 per adult entrance - free raffle

Bottle
tombola

Chocolate tombola

Christmas photo booth

Cafe

Sweet
stall

Name the bear

Knock the elf off
the shelf

Hook a
bauble

Weight of the
cake

Santa bottle flip

Face painting

Christmas crafts

Decorate a
Christmas
biscuit

Snowman
noses

Santa's
Grotto

Body shop

Christmas Dates for your Diary



Whole School

Christmas Fair: **Tuesday 3rd December from 3:30pm**

Whole school Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day: **Friday 20th December**

Break up for Christmas: **Friday 20th December** and return to school on **Tuesday 7th January**

Reception Class

Reception Nativity Production: **Wednesday 11th December: 2:00pm**

Thursday 12th December 10:00am

Reception Class Party: **Wednesday 18th December (pm)**

Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)

KS1 Production: **Wednesday 11th December: 10:00am**

Thursday 12th December: 2:00pm

KS1 Christmas Party: **Tuesday 17th December (pm)**

Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4)

Christingle Service at St Cuthbert's Church: **Tuesday 17th December 2:00pm – 2:45pm** (all welcome)

Year 3 and 4 Cinema visit: **Wednesday 18th December 2019**

Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6)

Christingle Service at St Cuthbert's Church: **Tuesday 17th December 2:00pm – 2:45pm** (all welcome)

Year 5 and 6 Cinema visit: **Thursday 19th December 2019**

THANK YOU PTFA

Our PTFA have raised over £9800 during the last year, which is an incredible amount of money. With this they have:

Bought new lights for our productions

Funded the Zulu Warrior experience

Provided transport for KS2 cinema visits....and much more.

Attendance

Current whole school attendance is 95.7%. This is slightly below national expectations.



Well done to Nerat and Harley who won our weekly 100% attendance award



Well done to RD and RJ our top attending classes - £5 vouchers to you this week!

62 pupils were identified as being persistent absentees last half term. This means that their attendance fell below 90%. Parents of these children should have received letters informing them of this. Please make sure that your child attends school as regularly as possible.

Well done to the following children who received celebration certificates in assembly on Monday 18th and 25th November

RD: Phoebe Brearley & Malachy Firth

RJ: Edie Rushworth & Phoebe Flack

1W: Nelly Papierniak & Sienna Holmes

1G: Ranveer Singh, Amelia Hildreth & Lilia Kerin

2P: Dominik Polec & Lily-Mae Whettlock

2S: Charlotte Grattan & Ivie Brown

3R: Lillie-Mae McHugh & Hollie Preston

3Ro: The whole class, Evelyn Ding & Tyler Chadwick

4P: Crystal Fawcett & Sachleen Kaur

4H: The whole class & Olivia Walmsley

5L: Kobe Oram & Eleanor Williams

5HJ: Amber Stoneman & Dais-Mae Asquith

6SR: Ellis Moore & Ollie Simmons

6G: Sophie Bellerby & Jacob Holmes

Class Assemblies 2019 – 2020

Class assemblies are on a Friday afternoon at 2:45pm. Parents are welcome to attend their child's assembly. The dates of all class assemblies are:

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| 29 th November: 3Ro | 1 st May: 5J |
| 10 th January: 6SR | 15 th May: 5L |
| 17 th January: 6G | 22 nd May: 1W |
| 31 st January: 1W | 5 th June: 1G |
| 7 th February: 1G | 12 th June: 4P |
| 28 th February: 2P | 19 th June: 4H |
| 6 th March: 2S | 26 th June: 2P |
| 13 th March: RD | 3 rd July: 2S |
| 20 th March: RJ | 9 th July: RJ (Thursday) |
| 27 th March: 3R | 10 th July: RD |
| 24 th April: 3Ro | |

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

Christmas Cards

Once again, this year, we are selling Christmas cards in memory of Isabelle Ellis and for Candlelighters. Isabelle designed the cards when she was in Year 2. These will be for sale at our Christmas Fair or can be purchased from the school office for £3 for a pack of five.