

Blakehill Primary School

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Thank you for supporting us with the adjustments to school life... It's the little things we do now to protect the little ones we care about.

We have enjoyed a very busy couple of weeks in school since my last newsletter. The children seem happy to be back and have settled incredibly well; adjusting to the new routines that we have introduced. Well done and welcome to our youngest children in Reception class who appear to be enjoying their early days at Blakehill. We are very proud of them all.

It is great to be back as a Blakehill family!



Mr Patterson has asked me to thank Blakehill staff and parents for their kind donations towards his retirement collection.

During the summer, Mr Patterson donated the £250 collected to the Candlelighters charity, in memory of one of our students, Isabelle Ellis.

Recovery Curriculum

To ensure that our pupils catch up on lost learning due to school closures during lockdown, we are in the process of implementing a *recovery curriculum*. Our plan for this aims to provide a sustained approach to supporting pupils' learning and their wellbeing, addressing gaps in pupil attainment and progress whilst helping the school community recover emotionally.

Blakehill's Recovery Curriculum focuses on four key aspects:

1. Building **Relationships**
2. Establishing and maintaining **Routines**
3. Making Learning **Relevant**
4. Allowing time for **Reflection**

Great teaching and the role that parents play in supporting children learn are the most important factors to improving outcomes for pupils.

I hope to be able to share with you more information shortly of how we will use additional government funding and the expertise of school staff to support your child's learning this year.

'Together We Can'

Parent Meetings

We are all having to adapt to new ways of working and the rise in the use of technology to communicate with each other has become a 'normal' way of life in recent months. Although not our preferred model for meeting with our parents, schools are required to reduce the number of visitors allowed inside the school building as a measure of infection prevention and spread. Therefore, parent meetings will be conducted via telephone or video communication at the moment. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Your child's class teacher will keep you informed of the access arrangements for any meetings and will work with you to provide any support you may need.

Details for Parent/ Teacher Consultation Evening in November to follow.

Remote Learning Programme

There is a section on our school website <https://www.blakehillprimary.co.uk/> that provides access to our remote learning programme. In the event of a partial or whole school closure, we will be using this platform to provide online resources to support home learning.

Google Classrooms is our school's platform for remote learning and will ensure a consistent approach to providing teaching and learning activities for children in all classes across school.

Children will have access to this via individual log-ins and work will be set daily for those pupils who are required to stay at home due either to self-isolation or further lockdown measures. A parent guide is available to those parents who are new to using Google Classrooms on the website.

Additional digital resources have been purchased by school and can be allocated to children who have very limited/no access to a laptop, computer etc. at home.

Mr Sidebottom will provide more information early next week.



Blakehill Early Birds and Night Owls

Blakehill before and after school club will start on Monday 2nd November and we are really looking forward to welcoming children from across school.

Please register with the school office if you would like to reserve a place for your child. We still have a few places left but they are going quickly.

To make the process as easy as possible for parents, booking and payment needs to be completed via ParentPay. **Parents can use this NOW if they have registered with us.** If you wish to use childcare vouchers or would like any further information please contact the school office on 01274 414355 or refer to Early Birds/ Night Owl section on our school website under Key Information.

Caring for Our Community

Bradford Food Bank

This year, as in previous years, Blakehill will be supporting the Bradford Metropolitan Food Bank, a local, volunteer organisation that works tirelessly to provide food supplies for impoverished families within our community. A special assembly was held today, which highlighted the plight of some of these families/individuals.

A letter from Mrs Pinder, who co-ordinates this appeal was sent out yesterday to advise you on how you can help to support the appeal if you wish to do so.

So good to be back... A snapshot of some of the wellbeing activities children across school have been involved in as part of our recovery curriculum



Picnic in the sunshine for
Reception classes



Year 1G listening to themselves
read...what clever children!



Take a look at our fabulous worry
dolls 1G have made!



Year 3Jo

Enjoying acting out
events from their class
reader Gangsta Granny



Worry doll magic in year 1

Attendance

Despite our
current
challenges,
attendance is
good and just
slightly below
national (96%)

95.8%

Great job! Thank
you all!



100% attendance award winners.
Well done Amber and Jayden

Highest attending
classes: 1G and RP
Well done £5
vouchers for you!

77

60

Blakehill Values and Ethos

92

64

HOUSE POINTS

Pupils at Blakehill receive house points for demonstrating a positive attitude towards their learning, trying their best, never giving up when faced with challenges, high quality effort and work and supporting others with their learning. This system encourages pride, achievement and teamwork. House points at Blakehill recognise independent and collaborative achievements. All children are part of a HOUSE TEAM. Our house teams are named after Jowett cars:

JAVELIN

JUPITER

KESTREL

KINGFISHER

During our Monday Celebration Assembly, the house with the highest number of house points achieved the previous week is announced and celebrated.

Well done to JUPITER who were the house winners last week with 92 points!

Educational Visits

We have had to postpone all class visits during Autumn term. To ensure that our children's curriculum is still rich, we are encouraging teachers to invite relevant visitors into school and seek out additional resources to support learning.

Well done to the following children who achieved an award in our Celebration Assembly on Monday 14th and 21st September 2020

1G - James Barber, Lucas Cane and Evie Sykes

1D - James Bolton and Charlie Newberry
2S Tee-Jay Wright and Brinley Hutchinson

2F - Austin Fleming and Nelly Papierniak
3Jo - Kiki White and Charlie Edginton

3J - Zainab Thalim and Elsa Ward
4H - Ben Craven and Nadwa Noushad

4W - Jack Richmond and Teegan McKinnon

5L - George Kinch and Zac Money

5G - Mollie Simpson and Cora Crabtree

6R - Zachary Ali and Callum Broadbent

6S - Kayden Lee and Aleena Hussain

Class Assemblies 2020-21

Class assemblies are on a Friday afternoon at 2:45pm. Usually, parents are welcome to attend their child's assembly however, until further notice; these will be recorded and shared with parents via the school website. The dates of all class assemblies are:

2nd October: 1D	5 th March: 6S
9th October: 1G	12th March: 1G
16 th October: 5G	19 th March: 1D
23 rd October: 5L	16 th April: 5L
13 th November: 2S	23 rd April: 5G
20 th November: 2F	30 th April: 3Jo
27 th November: 3J	7 th May: 3J
4 th December: 3Jo	11 th June: 2F
15 th January: 4H	18 th June: 2S
29 th January: 4W	25 th June: 4W
5 th February: RP	2nd July: 4H
12 th February: RW	9 th July: RW
26 th February: 6R	16 th July: 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