

## Blakehill Primary School

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### Autumn Term 2019

#### Blakehill's Macmillan Coffee Morning

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to every single person that donated, attended or helped at our Coffee Morning on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September. We raised an incredible **£3487.19!** An amazing amount of money that will help Macmillan continue to do the fabulous work that they do!

Thank you!



#### Open Classrooms

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 3:30pm -4:30pm, we would like to invite you to your child's classroom where your child can show you their work so far this term. It will be a great way for you to share your child's learning journey in their new class.

We are collecting the Aldi vouchers for schools. We have already completely filled one poster - thank you to our families! Keep them coming.



#### Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings

**Tuesday 19 November** 3.45 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

**Thursday 21 November** 3.45 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

Ten-minute slots are available for parents to discuss their child's progress, attainment, effort and behaviour. You will also have the chance to look at your child's work in books and at the work on display around school.

**Appointments can be made via your online eschools account from Monday 28 October. Please contact the school office should you require help with this.**

#### Upcoming events/diary dates this half term

NEON Themed PTFA School  
Disco: **Tuesday 15 October**  
**Reception and KS1: 5:00pm-6:00pm**

**KS2: 6:15pm - 7:15pm** Tickets  
for this can be bought on the  
door.

Individual pupil photographs:  
**Friday 18 October**

Year 4 residential to Nell Bank:  
**Monday 21 October –**  
**Wednesday 23 October**

Year 6 visit to Tropical World:  
**Wednesday 23 October**

School Closes: **Thursday 24**  
**October. This will be a non-**  
**uniform day**

School Reopens: **Monday 4**  
**November**

#### Mid-Term Reports

Mid-term reports are sent  
out to parents on 8<sup>th</sup>  
November and will provide  
you with information about  
your child's attainment,  
effort, attitude and  
behaviour so far this year.  
You may want to discuss this  
during your parent/teacher  
consultation appointment  
the following week.

## Sponsored Obstacle Course

We apologise for having to postpone this year's Sponsored Obstacle Course - unfortunately, the weather was against us this week! When making decisions like this we always consider the safety and well-being of our children first.

We are hoping that this will take place sometime this term when we have a longer, brighter spell of weather.

## ZULU NATION

WHAT an amazing day we had meeting the Zulu Warriors. Their bright clothes, upbeat music and high-energy dancing had us all in high spirits. A great way to bring our whole school topic of 'Africa,' celebrating Black History month, to life!



**School Disco  
on Tuesday  
15<sup>th</sup> October:  
NEON theme.**

## 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 they will need become life-long learners and responsible young people. Here are some example of this:



Gardening Club

Using sources to explore Africa



Year 4 Finding out  
about Nelson Mandela

Letter making in PE



Tasting time in Reception



Reading Buddies in Year 1

Year 2 at St Cuthbert's



Curriculum Carousel: Computing Science  
LO: To use repeat commands in scratch junior





**We also met a tortoise, boa constrictor and a lizard!**



### PARKING

Yet again, another reminder to parents/carers about parking. We are still receiving complaints from residents about inconsiderate parking: blocking driveways/pavements and restricting resident and pedestrian access. There have also been reports of abusive language used. Can we ask that anyone dropping/ picking children up from school behave in a way that reflects the expectations of our school. Thank you.

### Bringing our Learning to Life

Visits and visitors at Blakehill are a fundamental part of enriching pupil experiences of the world. Included in this term's enrichment:

**Year 5** - five day residential to Ingleborough

**Year 4** - three day residential to Nell Bank

**Whole school** - Zulu Nation Music and Dance workshops, MacMillan Coffee Morning, Music Ensemble

**Reception class** - visited by exotic creatures from Into the Wilds - chameleons, snakes, tarantulas

**Year 1** have had a walk around the local area - visiting the site of the old Jowett Factory and visited Bradford Industrial Museum (History topic)

**Year 2** have visited Saltaire (History)

**Year 6** Blackpool and Tropical World visits

*Thank you to all staff and parent/carer helpers – we really could not do it without you.*



### Bradford Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who donated food to support our appeal for the Bradford Food Bank 2019. Your kind contributions of tinned, dried and packaged food will be collected this afternoon and will help disadvantaged families across our district.

150

Blakehill Values and Ethos

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Well done to Kestrel - house of the week last week with 166 house points!

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## Attendance

Attendance below 90% is persistent absenteeism. If your child's attendance has fallen below this threshold, you will receive a notification letter shortly.

We have issued 14 penalty notices for holidays taken in term time so far this year.



Well done to Jessie and Alfie who won our 100% attendance award on Monday 30 September and 7 October



Well done to 2P and 6SR our top attending classes - £5 vouchers to you this week!

**Well done to the following children who received celebration certificates in assembly on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September and 7<sup>th</sup> October**

**1W:** Zachary Banks, Freddie Bottomley-Bedell and Jacob Pepper

**1G:** Ajai Singh and Ruby Georgas

**2P:** Elsa Ward and Jaxon Bell

**2S:** Lily Pearson and Oscar Hudson

**3R:** Alexander Sherriff and Ellie Maxted

**3Ro:** Jaxon Cornwall and Nadwa Noushad

**4P:** Summer Vanderboom and Niamh Flack

**4H:** Ethan Dickinson and Mia Armitage

**5L:** The whole class and Maisey Waterhouse

**5HJ:** The whole class and Charlie Wild

**6SR:** Chloe Greaves and Pasha Armitage

**6G:** Nasir Chowdhury and Finley Janney

### Class Assemblies 2019-20

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:

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

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

### End of term

School closes on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October for half term. This is a non-uniform day. Children wishing to come to school not in uniform will need to pay £1. All money collected goes towards our school fund!

### Uniform

A final reminder about uniform. Apart from studded earrings, jewellery should not be worn to school. Nail varnish is also not allowed and pupils who wear nail varnish to school will be asked to remove it.

Trainers and boots are not suitable indoor school footwear and do not comply with Blakehill uniform requirements. If a child comes to school wearing trainers or boots, they will be asked to change into school pumps. Boots and trainers can be worn at break and lunchtimes.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME THIS MAKES IT SO MUCH EASIER TO RETURN LOST PROPERTY.