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Year 6 Parent Meeting

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the Year 6 Parent Meeting earlier this week. Mrs. Russell and Mr. Hodges provided information on the end of KS2 Assessments (SATs), transition to secondary school and the impending 3-day city break residential to York in the Summer.

For those parents that were unable to attend, the presentation is available on Year 6 class pages of our school website - parent information evening. Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the year 6 team if you have any concerns or further enquiries.

Parent Survey

Thank you to parents for completing and submitting our online parent survey 2021/22. Your feedback is appreciated and will be shared in our next newsletter.

School Visits

All school visits and residentials will go ahead as usual, providing we have adequate numbers of adults/pupil ratios to ensure the safety of our children.

Parent Events

We are hosting a series of meetings this term aimed at providing parents with targeted information and support. Please see the diary dates section of this newsletter for the dates and times of these. Parents will receive letters that provide more details.

Following the Andrew Whitehouse conference last term, the school Special Educational Needs leaders have organised an additional parent support meeting (see below). This will be attended by a representative of AWARE. All welcome!

Upcoming events/ diary dates this half term

Year 4 Parent Meeting - End of Year x tables test and Ingleborough:
Thursday 10th February

Parent Meeting - Helping your child Year 2 SATs:
Wednesday 9th November

Parent Meeting - Preparing for Year 1 Phonics Screening Test:
Tuesday 8th February

World Number Day
Friday 4th February

Year 3 - Yorkshire Sculpture Park: **Monday 7th February**

Reception parent meeting - Reading and Phonics
Monday 7th February

Year 3 Parent meeting - Nell Bank Residential:
Thursday 17th February

Year 3 Cathedral Visit
Monday 28th February

Red Nose Day – **Friday 18th March**

Parent Conference



Do you understand the Bradford Matrix of Need?

Do you require support or advice on having an Autism assessment?

Come along to our parent conference on Monday 14th February at 9:30am

Refreshments included

Hosted by our SENDCOs Mrs Gould, Mrs Pinder and a guest speaker from AWARE

For more information, contact the school office

World Number Day - Reminder
Friday 4th February is World Number Day. Come to school in clothing with numbers or shapes on. The whole school will be involved in maths challenges throughout the day. £1.00 donation



Lost Property

All lost property will be displayed in the school hall from **8:30am on Friday 11th February**. Named items of lost property are returned to the children by our site staff daily.

We also have a huge amount of school clothing which was donated to school in the Summer last year. Please contact Samm our Site Manager or Mrs Bottomley our Learning Mentor to request items free of charge.

Year 1 - Skipton Castle

Year 1 classes visited Skipton Castle yesterday as part of their History Unit and allowed the children to imagine what life would have been like in medieval times when the Castle provided security and protection.

Thank you to parents and carers for volunteering to accompany the children and to staff for their support, ensuring the visit could still go ahead despite staff shortages. The children loved it!



Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for year 4 pupils will commence on Thursday 3rd March. Your child's class teacher will provide more information about this. A catch-up programme for pupils currently in year 5 has been scheduled for next academic year to allow these pupils to receive the swimming tuition that they missed when they were in year 4.

We are still hopeful that the year 6 class that missed their allocated swimming entitlement due to national lockdown measures implemented from March 2020, will be allocated a weekly session in the summer term this year. We are still awaiting confirmation of this and will inform parents as soon as we receive this.

Thank you to Blakehill's School Business Manager, Vicky Scott for her perseverance with this.

Fairground Fun

After their visit to Blackpool Pleasure Beach in the Autumn Term, our Year 6 pupils designed and made their own fairground rides. Using their knowledge of electrical circuits and mechanisms the pupils combined their skills to create these fully working amusements. Some of our year 2 pupils tried these out yesterday and now cannot wait until they are in Year 6!



School Council Mission

Our school council members are very vocal and proactive in campaigning for road safety around school. They have designed leaflets and posters to raise awareness and are keen to get out into the local community to spread the word. Our school council will be visible in the playgrounds and at the entrances to school from **3:00pm on Wednesday 2nd March**, handing out their carefully considered and well-designed leaflets. Please support their passion and commitment in trying to make the areas around school safe for everyone. Thank you.

Is your child in Year 4?



Do you want to know more about the Ingleborough residential in Year 5?

You are invited to attend a parent workshop to find out more information and to speak to staff.

At this meeting we will also discuss the Year 4 statutory multiplication check.

Thursday 10th February 4.45 pm



Refreshments provided.

Blakehill Values and Ethos

House Points

KINGFISHER

KESTRAL

JAVELIN

JUPITER

During our Monday morning celebration assembly, the house with the greatest number of house points achieved the previous week is announced. Well done **JUPITER** who were our house winners for the whole of last term and celebrated with a non-uniform day today!



Attendance - making every day count!

Current whole school attendance is **94.6%**. 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 2P top attending class with 96.7% - £5 vouchers for you this week!

Well done
Jasmine (1G) and
Madison (6H)
100% attendance
winners

Persistent Absenteeism

Schools are legally obliged to do everything they can to ensure that all pupils attend school as regularly as possible. If attendance falls below 90%, this is classed as persistent absenteeism. Long term persistent absenteeism could result in prosecution. Parents will be kept informed of their child's attendance regularly should this become a cause for concern.

Celebration Award winners **Monday 24th January**. 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: 5G15th October: 5J22nd October: 4R5th November: 4J12th November: 1D19th November: 1G26th November: 3S3rd December: 3R14th January: 6R21st January: 6H28th January: 2S4th February: 2P11th February: RW4th March: RP11th March: 1G18th March: 1D1st April: 6R29th April: 5G6th May: 5J20th May: 3R10th June: 3S17th June: 4J24th June 4R1st July RP8th July: RW14th July: 2P15th 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

