

## Blakehill Primary School

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### Autumn Term 2021

#### Open Classrooms

It was great to see so many parents at our recent Open Classrooms. We were eager that parents should be given the opportunity to visit classrooms and view their child's work prior to our virtual Parent Consultation Evenings next week. We hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did. We are hoping to hold Open Days in the Spring term where parents are invited to take part in a guided tour of the school. It's a great way to gain first-hand experience of daily life at Blakehill and see the school in action.



It's so nice to be able to get into school. Everywhere looks great and I have loved reading my child's work.  
(Year 2 parent)

#### Sponsored Obstacle Course Event

Thank you to all parents and family members that were able to attend (and join in) our sponsored obstacle course. Monies raised from this event help us to provide additional playtime resources and further enhance our outdoor provision. Deadline date for all sponsor money is 1<sup>st</sup> December. Thank you for your support.



#### New to Blakehill

At this time of year, I am busy showing prospective parents and their children who would be starting school next September around. It has been a real joy to see new and old faces, some of which were pupils at Blakehill in years gone by. All visitors were impressed by the learning behaviours of our children, the learning environments and the ethos and culture of our school. Well done Blakehill!



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

*Please see our Christmas calendar which is on page 3 of this newsletter for all of our Christmas events*

Children in Need Day on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November** (wear spots or yellow clothing)

Year 5 visit to the Yorkshire Coal Mining Museum on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

School closes **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**School reopens** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January

#### Film Evenings

Thank you to the PTFA for organising and hosting two film evenings this week. This group of parents and friends of Blakehill are volunteers who dedicate their free time and resources to arrange events throughout the year to raise additional funds for our school.

Thank you also so staff who helped to support the work of the PTFA.

#### Staff news

Mrs Pringle (teaching assistant) will be leaving us today to take up a post supporting homeless people across the district. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her dedication to Blakehill during the last 14 years and wish her all the very best in her new career. We will miss you!

Our Christmas preparations are well under way and children in Reception and KS1 classes are busy getting ready for their 'productions' in December. Class teachers are still smiling which is always a good indicator of success!

Below is an overview of the key dates and times of events leading up to the Christmas holidays. Teachers will contact you with the finer details within the next couple of weeks.



Event	When?
PTFA Film Evening	<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>
PTFA Film Evening	<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>
PTFA Christmas Fair	<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>
EYFS Nativity Productions	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm</b> <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am</b>
KS1 Productions	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am</b> <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm</b> <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am</b> Tickets for each production are limited to 80.
Year 3 and 4 Cinema	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December (am)</b>
Year 3 and 4 Christingle	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10am</b> at St Cuthbert's Church, Wrose. Families welcome
Year 5 and 6 Christingle	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 10am</b> at St Cuthbert's Church, Wrose. Families welcome
Year 5 and 6 Cinema	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December (am)</b>
Reception class and KS1 Christmas Parties	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December (pm)</b> <b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December (pm)</b> <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December (pm)</b>
Christmas Dinner Day Christmas jumpers	<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Carols around the Tree	<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>

### Secret Santa Appeal

Blakehill has again decided to support the Secret Santa Appeal this year; a scheme that helps to support disadvantaged children and families across the district at Christmas time. Our Chair of Governors, Mr Phil Cavalier-Lumley will deliver an assembly to the whole school next week to inform pupils of the Appeal.

The appeal relies on the donation of gifts that are bought and delivered to school. These are then collected and forwarded to children in time for Christmas. Any gift is gratefully received and does not need to be wrapped.

If you would like more details, please contact the school office.

### Christingle

We are delighted to be performing our Christingle services at St Cuthbert's Church in Wrose once again this year. Pupils in Year 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6 will sing carols, retell the Christmas Story and perform readings during the service. We would love you to join us at Church at 10am on the dates listed above.

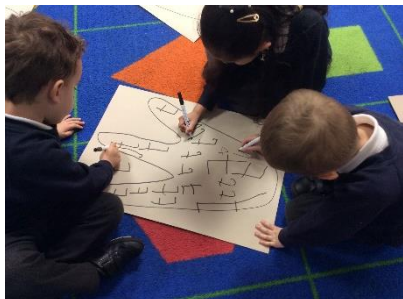
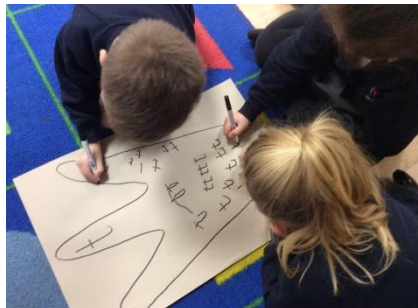


Watch this space for our whole school Christmas door decorations. Tissue paper, steamers and glitter are on everyone's wish list at this time of the year! We love getting creative!



## Curriculum Enrichment

We place a great emphasis on enriching children's learning experiences across the curriculum, promoting opportunities that help our children develop the skills and knowledge that will help them to become well-rounded and responsible young people. Here are some example of this from the last couple of weeks:



Children in Reception are always busy learning together.



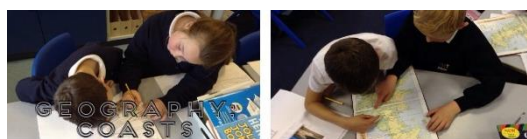
Blakehill school council discussing protocols for using the internet safely. Next week they are meeting with our local councillor Jeanette Sunderland and a representative from Bradford Highways to raise their concerns about road safety.

Enjoy and excel





Year 6 using their knowledge to classify living things during Science this week.

Together We Can is the theme for this year's Children in Need. Our display of all our pupils' decorated hands is beginning to take shape in the school hall. More photos of Children in Need Day on our official school Facebook site.



Understanding coastlines in Year 3

## What ZONE Are You In?

Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
			
Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	Mad/Angry Mean Yelling/Hitting Out of Control



Even staff love to learn! We use the Zones of Regulation at Blakehill to help pupils identify and regulate their own behaviours. Which zone are you in and what can you do to help you stay in the green zone?

## 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 to **KINGFISHER** who were our house winners for the whole of last term and celebrated with a non-uniform day!



## Attendance - making every day count!

Current whole school attendance is 94.8%. 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 1D and 6H top attending classes - £5 vouchers for you this week!

Well done Piper and Ranveer  
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 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November**. 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.

8 <sup>th</sup> October: 5G	11 <sup>th</sup> March: 5J
15 <sup>th</sup> October: 5J	18 <sup>th</sup> March: 5G
22 <sup>nd</sup> October: 4R	25 <sup>th</sup> March: 6H
5 <sup>th</sup> November: 4J	1 <sup>st</sup> April: 6R
12 <sup>th</sup> November: 1D	29 <sup>th</sup> April: 1G
19 <sup>th</sup> November: 1G	6 <sup>th</sup> May: 1D
26 <sup>th</sup> November: 3S	20 <sup>th</sup> May: 3R
3 <sup>rd</sup> December: 3R	10 <sup>th</sup> June: 3S
14 <sup>th</sup> January: 6R	17 <sup>th</sup> June: 4J
21 <sup>st</sup> January: 6H	24 <sup>th</sup> June: 4R
28 <sup>th</sup> January: 2S	1 <sup>st</sup> July: RP
4 <sup>th</sup> February: 2P	8 <sup>th</sup> July: RW
11 <sup>th</sup> February: RW	14 <sup>th</sup> July: 2P
4 <sup>th</sup> March: RP	15 <sup>th</sup> 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