

Blakehill Primary School

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Spring Term 2022

This is the final letter of the spring term. School closes on Friday 8th April and reopens on Monday 25th April. It has been a busy and productive term with school eventually returning to 'normal' school life. Educational visits, swimming lessons, face-to-face meetings and all after school clubs have resumed much to the relief of us all.

The pupils at Blakehill are a real credit to us and have coped incredibly well with the turmoil and upset of the last couple of years. The world we live in at the moment continues to be unpredictable and troubling. This is particularly true for children who can struggle to make sense of the uncertainty and conflict of modern life.

The support of our parents continues to be vital in all that we try to achieve as a school. Your child is our priority. They are central to everything that we think and do at Blakehill. Strong, positive relationships between home and school really strengthen the capacity that we have as a school community to make sure that our children develop the resilience, qualities, values and attributes that enable them to thrive.

Thank you for all that you do to support us in our efforts to achieve this - it is very much appreciated by Blakehill staff.

Upcoming events/ diary dates

Lost Property displayed in the hall
Friday 1st April

Young Voices Concert at Sheffield Arena: **Thursday 28th April**

Bank Holiday Monday - school closed Monday **2nd May**

1G visit to Rodley Nature Reserve
Tuesday 3rd May

1D Visit to Rodley Nature Reserve
Thursday 5th May

Class photographs
Friday 6th May

Year 6 SATs week commences
Monday 9th May

Reception class Zoolab Visit
Thursday 19th May

Year 3 visit to Leeds City Museum
Thursday 19th May

School closed for Queen's Jubilee Day **Friday 27th May**

Young Voices

Children in our Young Voices Choir will join hundreds of other schoolchildren at Sheffield Arena on Thursday 28th April to form a National school choir. This event was postponed earlier in the year and so we are delighted that we are now able to attend. Parents will receive a letter shortly providing further details.



Reminder: please note the additional school closure dates in May. These are on the school calendar and have been shared with parents previously. School is closed:

Monday 2nd May 2022

Friday 27th May 2022

PTFA Events

A huge thank you to all of the parent, teacher and friend members and helpers on our school PTFA for ensuring that the recent school disco and Mothers' Day stall were well organised and highly successful. This team of volunteers dedicate their 'free' time to raising funds for school, which often provide those little extra treats.

On behalf of the children and staff at Blakehill - THANK YOU! Well done also to Nelly, Ruby and Finn - disco prize winners!



New Governors

We are delighted to welcome Blakehill parents, Louise Porter and Sumayya Desai and local teacher Esther Hutton to our Governing Body. We are looking forward to working with them all to ensure Blakehill Primary School continues to provide quality education for all.

Parent / Teacher Consultation Evenings Reminder

Thank you to all parents that were able to attend the face-to-face parent/teacher consultation meetings last week. It was so lovely to see you finally back in school. End of year reports will be sent to parents in July.

Well done Team Blakehill!

Huge congratulations to our year 3 and 4 AND year 5 and 6 football teams for smashing their way through to the finals and going on to win GOLD in the Sports UK football tournament last week.

Not satisfied with that, Layla, Isa, Brinley and Frankie came away with sportsmanship awards and Charlie achieved player of the match, demonstrating that it is not all about winning, but winning with dignity and compassion! Brilliant representatives of Blakehill Primary School.

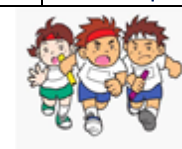
Thank you children, Mrs Russell, Mr Simmons and Mr Baldwinson for their time invested in the teams.



After school clubs

Please see below, the list of all extra-curricular clubs for next half term. Letters have been sent out to parents with details of these. If you would like your child to attend any of these, please contact the school office to reserve a place. Thank you.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Lunchtime daily
Year 5 Netball	KS2 Athletics	Year 5 and 6 Rounders	KS1 Athletics	KS2 Girls Football	KS1 Lego Club
Year 1-6 Mindful colouring	Reception Football	KS2 Singing Club	Learn to Rock	Year 1 and 2 Football	Colouring Club
	KS1 Dance		Rock Steady		Tranquillity



Staff News

A number of staff are leaving Blakehill at Easter.

Samm Blackmore has worked at Blakehill for the last 26 years, much of this time as the site manager. Samm has secured a job as a caretaker at another Bradford school and is looking forward to transferring her skills and knowledge to manage the premises there. It is an exciting opportunity. We wish her all the very best and thank her for her dedication to Blakehill.

Mrs Pam Cavalier-Lumley has decided to hang up her teaching assistant hat after 15 years as a member of our teaching team. Pam has worked to support many children (and staff) during her time at Blakehill and she is highly regarded by us all. We are sure that she will be highly successful as she pursues a new career path.

Carole Lee, a member of our site team is retiring at the end of term after 12 years, primarily as a member of the kitchen staff and then as a cleaner. Good luck Carole - happy retirement!

Mr Simmons, our Sports UK coach is also pursuing an alternate career after working to develop the sports provision for the children at Blakehill for the last 3 years. Tom is looking forward to something entirely new and we wish him much happiness and success. Good luck and best wishes to staff as they enter a new chapter in life.

Blakehill Values and Ethos

Pupils at Blakehill receive house points for demonstrating a positive attitude to their learning, trying their best, never giving up, even when faced with challenges, high quality work and supporting others in their learning. This system encourages pride, achievement and teamwork. House points recognise individual and collaborative achievements. All children belong to a house team. The names of these teams have strong links with Bradford and are named after Jowett cars.

KINGFISHER

KESTRAL

JAVELIN

JUPITER

Well done **KESTRAL** who were our house winners for the whole of last week with **206** house points.

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!



Congratulations to our 100% attendance winners!



Well done to 1G top attending class this week - £5 voucher for you!

Celebration Award winners **Monday 21st and 28th March.**

Well done children we are very proud of you.



Easter Egg Appeal 2022

Thank you for your kind donations. These Easter eggs will be collected today.



Wishing all of our Blakehill families a safe, restful and happy Easter break.

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

