

Blakehill Primary School

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On behalf of staff and governors, we would like to wish you all a warm welcome back, especially to our newest children in Reception class and their families. It is lovely to have you all back in school.

Our school newsletters are sent to parents every two weeks to provide information of forthcoming events and keep you up to date with Blakehill 'news'. They are sent via email fortnightly each Friday and are also available on our learning platform.

Contact Telephone Numbers

Could you please ensure that our office staff are notified if you have changed address or telephone number. Having the correct contact details of parents / carers, (e.g. current mobile and telephone numbers) are vital when children are ill and immediate contact needs to be made.

Dear parents and carers,

The return to school has been a trying time for most of us and we have had to become accustomed to new procedures in school, including the staggered start and end times to the school day. As with any change, there is a period of adjustment until procedures become routine. We appreciate your patience, support and for bearing with us while we continue to refine practices.

The children have managed considerably well to the changes to their school day and staff are proud of their attitudes and behaviours.

During these last couple of weeks, all pupils have been involved in a series of wellbeing activities aimed at promoting emotional, social and mental health. Thank you to Mr Sidebottom for organising and coordinating this and to all staff for ensuring that the return to school has been as smooth as possible for our Blakehill children.

Extra Club are Moving

Extra Club are relocating to new premises at Bolton Villas Cricket Club during the October half term break and will continue to provide out of school hours childcare from here. Blakehill Extra Club is independently owned and managed by Kim Rands and has provided before and after school provision for children in the local area for the last 21 years.

We wish Kim and the team at Extra Club much success and happiness with their exciting new business venture.

Parents please do not worry about childcare. Blakehill Primary School will be providing their own on-site before and after school childcare from **Monday 2nd November** and we are looking forward to extending the high quality care and provision that you expect from school.

Further details to follow shortly.

Medication

All medication, including inhalers were returned home wherever possible. If your child requires medication in school could you please make sure that this is handed in to staff in the school office. Parents need also check expiry dates on prescribed medication.

Remote Learning

In the event of a local lockdown requiring pupils to remain at home, or classes, groups or individual pupils needing to self-isolate, schools are required to provide access to immediate remote education by the end of September.

Blakehill's contingency plan for remote education will be shared with parents during the next couple of weeks. This will involve access to high quality online and offline resources that are linked to our school's curriculum expectations. Resources will be used consistently across school and will be adapted wherever possible to meet the needs of our pupils.

Staff will help pupils to familiarise themselves with the resources and parents will be provided with all the information they should need to support their child's home learning.

Naturally, we are hoping that we are not faced with further school closures however; we want to be as prepared as possible for this eventuality.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

It is that time of year again when our Year 6 parents receive information about applying for a place at secondary school for their child. If parents have any questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Year 6 teaching team who will be able to help you.

Safeguarding

Could parents please notify school if the usual arrangements for collecting your child at the end of the school day changes. In the interest of your child's safety, staff particularly in KS1 will not allow a child to go with an unknown adult unless notification is been received.

School Uniform

The children look really smart in their school uniforms, particularly those pupils in KS2 who are now wearing a school tie. So far, (touch wood) these seem to have caused very little distraction! We have received so many complimentary comments from staff and parents about the appearance of our pupils in school.

Children are encouraged to come to school in their PE Kits on the days that they have PE. Wherever possible, PE lessons are outdoors so an outdoor kit is advisable. If you have any problems sourcing clothes for PE, please let Mrs Bottomley, the school Learning Mentor, know.

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. This makes it easier when trying to locate lost property.

Parking

Could we remind parents to park with consideration when dropping off/collecting children at the beginning and end of the school day.

School has already received complaints from local residents, raising concerns about parents parking across driveways. We realise that parking availability is not ideal around the school premises however; we ask that you put our children's safety first and respect the property of the local community.

Our local PCSO has been alerted to these concerns.

This week we held our first ever
whole school Virtual
Celebration Assembly!

Well done to the following children who
achieved an award in our Celebration Assembly
on Monday 7th September

1G - Alfie Taylor
1D - JJ Gee
2S - Lucas Anderson
2F - Alfie Hall
3Jo - Ivie Brown
3J - The whole class
4H - Evelyn Ding
4W Lily Taylor
5L - Evie Burton
5G - Amy Hunter
6R - Lily-Mae Yarwood
6S - Leah Sykes

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



Bradford City Football Club- Penalty Shoot Out

Well done and thank you to everyone who took part in our sponsored
penalty shoot-out in February. With your support, we raised a
whopping £2902.50.

Congratulations to Ollie Porter (1D) who received the Bradford City
Football that was signed by all of the City players for raising the
highest school total of £190!

