

Blakehill Primary School

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Parent Meetings

Thank you to those parents that were able to attend the parent meetings last half term. Teachers provided information about how parents can further support their child at home with their learning and gave parents an understanding of end of year expectations. We hope you found these helpful.

Enrichment opportunities

We are always looking for opportunities for the children at Blakehill Primary to become involved in activities that they enjoy, interest them or that they excel in. The children have told us that they want more art, drama, baking and craft clubs.

From January, Stage 84 will provide drama classes and staff are eager to provide a range of extra-curricular activities which will meet the interests of a wider range of children.

Look out for information in the coming weeks or speak with Mr Lumb for more details.

Evacuation and Invacuation

As part of safeguarding procedures, schools are required to practise a process of evacuation; getting everyone out of the school building safely (e.g. in the event of fire) and invacuation; getting everyone back into the school building safely during lunch/break times (e.g. in the event of a threat outside). These well-rehearsed and effective procedures are practised at regular times during the school year. An invacuation will be held this half term. Children will be informed during assembly, before this takes place. An explanation of why we practice invacuation will be shared with an example of an aggressive dog on the school grounds provided. The purpose is not to alarm children but to embed an effective procedure that is understood by us all.

Athlete for a Day

Thank you to everyone who participated in our whole school sponsored event last half term. We raised a massive £1700. Mr Lumb met with the school council this week to decide what to spend this money on. The children asked for more sports equipment.

Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings

Parents/carers will receive a mid-term report prior to their meeting with their child's class teacher. This will provide you with information about your child's effort, attitude, behaviour and attendance. It will also indicate where your child is working in relation to end of year expectations.

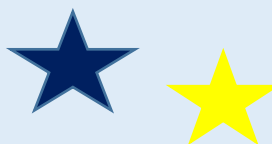
PTFA Events

The PTFA neon themed school Disco was a huge success this week. Thank you to all those involved in organising and attending the event. It's certainly a busy event but one which the children enjoy! Christmas is almost upon us once again. The next PTFA events are:

Christmas Fayre: **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 4:30pm - 6:00pm**

PTFA Secret Santa stall: **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Details to follow.



Upcoming events/  
diary dates this term

Year 3 visit to Bradford Industrial Museum: **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Wake up Shake up daily  
**8:30am -8:45am**

Positive Start daily  
**8:30am -8:45am**

Disney Art Exhibition  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**  
from 3:30pm

Pupil mid-term reports to parents  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Children in Need Day - Spotty /yellow theme: **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Secret Santa Assembly  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

Parent/ Teacher Consultation Evenings  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**  
**3:45pm - 7:00pm**

Non uniform day - chocolate/bottle fine  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**



We are asking for donations of a chocolate bar/bottle for the non-uniform day on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**. These will be used as tombola prizes for our Christmas Fayre on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November**.



**Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings Reminder - appointments still available**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 3.45 p.m. -7.00 p.m.**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 3.45 p.m. -7.00 p.m.**

It is that time of year again where parents are given the opportunity to meet and speak with their child’s class teacher at our Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings.

Ten-minute slots are available for parents to discuss their child’s progress, attainment, effort and behaviour.

**Appointment booking from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October via eSchools. Please contact the school office should you require help with accessing this.**

**100 Years of Disney Exhibition**

Pupils in all classes have enjoyed reading and listening to stories from Disney’s huge collection. Children have focused on key themes in the stories and have had the opportunity to be involved in creative writing, art, music and drama.

An exhibition of the children’s art work is on display in the school hall on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 3:30pm** for families to view. Whole school displays also reflect the story theme and parents/carers will have the opportunity to see this during parent/teacher consultation week. We look forward to seeing you. Thank you to Miss Dickinson and Miss Stocks for organising this event.

**New Reception Parents**

I am currently showing prospective parents for the Reception class of September 2024 cohort around school. Comments about the behaviour and attitudes of the children, the ethos and culture of the school and the work on display has been highly complementary and has impressed our visitors. Way to go Blakehill!

**Secret Santa Appeal**

We have decided to support the Secret Santa Appeal again 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 on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November to the whole school to tell us how we can help.

**Get Loud and Proud**

We are incredibly excited to welcome Punjabi Roots Academy into school again on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November for a day filled with Bhangra dance and music demonstrations. I am sure the children will love participating in this creative and performing arts spectacular. We cannot wait to learn some traditional Bhangra dance steps to impress our friends at the next school disco!

It makes it extra special that this is a local organisation with members that have family that attend Blakehill.



**We can no longer avoid it...Christmas is almost upon us! Please find below the calendar of Christmas events. Class teachers will provide more information shortly.**

Event	When
PTFA Christmas Fayre	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 4:30pm - 6:00pm</b>
PTFA Christmas Secret Santa stall	<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December in school</b>
EYFS Nativity Productions	<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am</b>
KS1 Productions	<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm</b>
Year 3 and 4 Cinema	<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December (am)</b>
Year 3 and 4 Christingle	<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10am</b> at St Cuthbert’s Church, Wrose. Families welcome
Year 5 and 6 Christingle	<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 10am</b> at St Cuthbert’s Church, Wrose. Families welcome
Year 5 and 6 Cinema	<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December (am)</b>
Reception class and KS1 Christmas Parties	<b>Year 1 - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December (pm) Year 2 - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December (pm) Reception - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December (pm)</b>
Christmas Dinner Day /Christmas jumpers	<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Carols around the Tree	<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>



### Blakehill Enrichment Opportunities - making learning meaningful.

Please also see your child's class pages on the school website.



#### Blakehill Lionesses

Our girls' football team recently competed in their first football tournament of 2023/24. Great teamwork, resilience and determination demonstrated by all. Well done girls!



A fabulous autumn day spent at Abbey House Museum, Kirkstall for Year 1 this week, learning about toys of the past and visiting the Abbey itself.



Our school council airing their views and sharing their class' suggestions for further school improvement during this week's council meeting. Members of staff attended to listen and discuss ideas.



Children in year 4 present their finished poppies during their Remembrance work with the Peace Museum this week.



Year 6 in deep discussion using persuasive techniques to share their point of view.



What a spookily exciting time our Reception children had last week combining learning with all things that go bump in the night!



# Blakehill Values and Ethos

## House Points

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    KESTREL    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 **KESTREL** who were our house winners this week.

3D and 2G -  
top attending  
classes of the  
week!

## Attendance - making every day count!

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100% attendance at school is extremely important in helping all pupils achieve their full academic potential. We recognise that good attendance and punctuality are crucial to raising standards and pupil attainment. Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning.

During our weekly celebration assembly the highest attending class of the week receives a £5 voucher to spend or save. All children that have 100% attendance that week are entered for a weekly prize draw.

Class assemblies are on a Friday afternoon at 2:45pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend these. The dates of the 2023-24 class assemblies are:

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| 5GH: Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November | 1W: Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February | 2G: Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June                           |
| 5J: Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November  | 1M: Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March     | 2H: Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June                           |
| 4SJ: Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November | RD: Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March     | 1W: Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June                           |
| 4So: Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December  | RS: Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March    | 1M: Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July                            |
| 6P: Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January    | 5GH: Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April   | Both Reception<br>Classes:<br>Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July |
| 6N: Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January   | RW: Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April    |  |
| 3S: Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January   | 4SJ: Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April   |  |
| 3D: Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January   | 4So: Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May      |  |
| 2G: Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February   | 3S: Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May      |  |
| 2H: Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February   | 3D: Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June      |  |

### Please note:

For child protection and safeguarding purposes, we request that photos and videos are for personal use only and not shared on social media etc. unless express permission from the parent concerned is given.

Congratulations to our 100% attendance prize draw winners.



Celebration Award winners on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October**. Well done children we are very proud of you.

