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Blakehill Fun Day

What a great day we had last week on the giant inflatable obstacle course. Children and adults enjoyed an energetic and exhausting few hours tackling the various obstacles and challenges. Non-uniform donations were used to help us make this a school day to remember for everyone!



Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Giraffes, polar bears, snakes and giant snails were among the animals encountered by Year 2 pupils this week during their visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Apparently, the lions were sleeping!! Thank you to staff and parent helpers for making this visit a successful and memorable day for the children in Year 2.



Year 5 Maths Challenge

Some of our year 5 pupils visited Immanuel this week to participate in a maths challenge day alongside pupils from other local primary schools. They had a great time tackling a range of maths problems.



Upcoming events/ diary dates

Year 3 visit to Nell Bank
Friday 7th July

Reception class visit to Swithen's Farm
Thursday 13th July

End of year reports to parents:
Friday 14th July
PTFA Summer Fair
Saturday 15th July 1:00pm-3:00pm

Blakehill's Got Talent Final
Friday 21st July

Year 6 Prom
Friday 21st July 6:30pm-8:00pm

Year 6 Production
Tuesday 18th July at 6:00 pm

Year 6 Awards Ceremony
Tuesday 25th July at 9:00am
(parents are welcome to attend)

Whole school Awards Ceremony
Tuesday 25th July at 10:30am



End of year book request

If you would like to keep your child's work books, please request this in writing to your child's class teacher by Friday 21st July.

NON-UNIFORM DAY / SUMMER FAIR.... HELP!

Friday 14th July is a non-uniform day. The penalty for this is to donate something to PTFA Summer Fair on Saturday 15th July.

This could be:

- A jar filled with sweets
- A bottle of something wonderful
- General tombola items (toiletries, chocolates etc)

Items should be handed in to your child's class teacher anytime between now and next Friday in preparation for the Fair on Saturday. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

REMINDER: Andrew Whitehouse, SEND Specialist will visit school on **Tuesday 11th July 2:00pm-3:00pm** to deliver a conference to parents.



School Uniform

I know that many of you will have already started buying school uniform in preparation for the 2023/24 academic year. Below is a list of Blakehill's uniform requirements. We ask parents and carers to adhere to this, including the requirements for PE and ensure that their child/ren wear the correct uniform for school.

Reception and KS1 Uniform

White polo shirt

Charcoal (dark grey) trousers / skirt / dress

Charcoal (dark grey) shorts

A blue and white checked dress may be worn in the summer months

Navy blue jumper / cardigan with school logo

Black shoes

Black/white socks or tights

Trainers can be worn for PE and at break times. Shoes or pumps should be worn in school at all times

KS2 Uniform

School tie

White shirt/polo shirt

Charcoal (dark grey) trousers / skirt / dress

Charcoal (dark grey) shorts

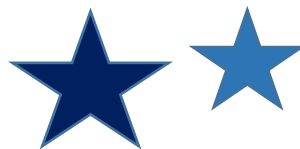
A blue and white checked dress may be worn in the summer months

V-neck navy blue jumper / cardigan with school logo

Black shoes

Black/white socks or tights

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Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Roberts (3R) who is expecting her 3rd child in September. We have been trying to keep this secret until the end of term however the baby bump has certainly made an appearance during the last couple of weeks. Mr Duffy will replace Mrs Roberts and will start with his new class at the beginning of the new term.

Congratulations also to Mrs Russell (6R) and Mr Sidebottom (3S) who are both leaving at the end of this term to join the senior leadership teams of two local primary schools. Mrs Russell as an Assistant Headteacher and Mr Sidebottom as a Deputy Headteacher. We are pleased and excited for them both.

Best wishes also to Mrs Wardell (RW), Mrs Malec (2M) and Mrs Donohue (RW) who are all ready to take the next step in their teaching careers.

I would like to wish all staff the very best of luck, love and happiness for 2023/24.

Yesterday, pupils met with their new class teachers in preparation for September. We welcome some new teachers this year Miss Morley (1M), Miss Solomon(4S), Mr Nicklin (6N), Miss Hulston (2H) and Mr Duffy(3D). There continues to be a minimum of one teaching assistant per class in addition to class teacher.

We are very much looking forward to working with some new teachers next year and welcome all new members of staff.

Below are the classes for 2023/24.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
RS Miss Stocks	RS – 1W Mrs Watts	1W -2G Miss Gardner (KS1 Leader)	2M -3D Mr Duffy	3R -4Su Mr Sugden	4R -5GH Mrs Hall/Mrs Gould	5GH - 6P Mr Poole
RD Miss Dickinson	RW – 1M Miss Morley	1D - 2H Miss Hulston	2G -3S Mrs Scott (EYFS Lead)	3S - 4So Miss Solomons	4SJ - 5J Mrs Javed/ Mrs Johnston	5SJ - 6N Mr Nicklin (UKS2 Lead)

Learning = Fun

Learning should be fun, engaging and exciting and we continue to try to provide many opportunities to enrich the learning for our pupils. Visits, visitors and events help us to do this. Follow us on Facebook for more...



Year 6 pupils scavenging for natural resources in the school grounds for their Andy Goldsworthy creations.



Prepared for battle - our Year 5 are a motley crew of Anglo-Saxon warriors. It's time to take cover!



The lunchtime Tranquillity Club is a popular choice for the Year 5 and 6 pupils that enjoy participating in quiet activities with friends.



We love practical learning at Blakehill. We hope it is windy outside for our kite flying later!



We know that it is tricky learning when your tongue comes out!
New challenges help us to grow!



Great concentration, balance and resilience needed in Reception this week



Our girls' football teams have enjoyed great success this year. Well done to those girls selected for the Bradford City trials this week. Go get 'em girls!



A picture that paints a thousand words....

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

KESTREL

JAVELIN

JUPITER

Well done **JAVELIN**, house winners this week!

Attendance - making every day count!

Current whole school attendance is **95.7%**. 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!



100% attendance award winners. Well done children.



Together We Can



Extra-curricular Clubs

We are busy creating an exciting timetable of activities for before and after school clubs and events for September. If you have any suggestions or interests, please speak with our Sports and Personal Development Officer, Mr Lumb.

A Time to Celebrate

Whole school celebration assemblies are held every Monday morning. Children are nominated for celebration awards for effort, attitude, behaviour and excellence.

Kindness certificates are awarded to recognise and celebrate this valued quality.

Children can also bring awards received from out of school activities for us to show and celebrate.

Celebration Award winners **Monday 26th June and 3rd July**. Well done children we are very proud of you.



Another victory for Blakehill...this time our Year 4 cricket team!

