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Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings

It was lovely to see so many parents at the parent/teacher consultation meetings this week. Thank you also for your feedback from the parent survey. I have shared the outcome of these in this newsletter. As a school that strives for the best possible provision for the children at Blakehill Primary, we are always looking for ways to improve. Your feedback helps us to do this.

Make a Noise About Bullying

We have decided to make Anti-Bullying a whole school focus during spring term 2024. We aim to educate and to empower children to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. This campaign will help us to consider what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to bring an end to bullying. As part of our PHSCE curriculum, children in classes across school are currently learning about the topics 'Relationships and Me' and 'Valuing Differences.'

We will 'kick off' our campaign with an Odd Socks Day to celebrate the uniqueness of us all.



Disney Art Exhibition

We love seeing our children's work displayed across school to commemorate 100 years of Disney stories. From Mulan to The little Mermaid, Tangled to Aladdin these magical stories, songs and images adorn the corridors of Blakehill Primary School. Thank you to our Creative Arts leaders Miss Dickinson and Miss Stocks and our very competitive team of teaching assistants for creating a gallery of colour and creativity.



PTFA Christmas Fair

We are really looking forward to seeing you all at this year's Christmas Fair on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 4:30pm - 6:00pm**. There really is something for everyone! Thank you for all of your donations and support once again. Huge thanks to our PTFA and staff who go above and beyond to make events like this happen to benefit our school community.



Upcoming events/  
diary dates this term

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

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

Cross country event  
**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
from 3:30pm**

Punjabi Roots  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

School closes  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

School reopens  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

Young Voices Concert -  
Sheffield  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January**  
Year 5 National Coalmining  
Museum  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

**Holiday dates for  
2024/2025 included in this  
newsletter**

Children in Need

A grand total of £326.70 was raised during our Children in Need Day last week. Well done Blakehill!

Secret Santa Appeal

Our Chair of Governors launched this year's Secret Santa Appeal during an assembly this week. The Appeal aims to provide gifts for disadvantaged children across the district. Gift tags are available from the school office with the name and age of children should you be in a position to help. Any gift is gratefully received and does not need to be wrapped.

Please find below the calendar of Christmas events. Class teachers will provide more information shortly.

Event	When
PTFA Christmas Fair	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 4:30pm - 6:00pm</b>
PTFA Christmas Gift stall	<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December in school</b>
EYFS Nativity Productions	<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm</b> <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am</b>
KS1 Productions	<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am</b> <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm</b> <b>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)</b> <b>Year 2 - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December (pm)</b> <b>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>

Inspiring a New Generation

Are you an ex-pupil of Blakehill Primary School? Do you have experience of overcoming life's challenges? Do you have a story of personal success? Would you be willing to share your journey with us? Then we want to hear from you!

We would love to invite ex pupils to join us and share their stories at the beginning of the New Year during a special assembly on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January aimed at inspiring children and young people.

If you are interested and have availability on the morning of 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024, please contact school on 01274 414355 or [office@blakehill.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:office@blakehill.bradford.sch.uk) and leave your contact details before Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Come and help us to shape young lives!



Holiday dates 2024/2025

The holiday dates for the next academic year have been agreed by Governors and published on the school website. Holiday dates 2024/2025:

Autumn Term

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Spring Term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Summer Term

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Proud to be Blakehill

Our under 11 football team continued to build on their success of previous seasons by beating 16 teams to become top of the recent tournament.

This unbeaten squad are relentless in their passion, commitment and drive to be the best. Well done boys!



Thank you for your feedback during the recent parent survey. The outcomes below indicate the responses of the 121 questionnaires returned. We received some wonderful comments and suggestions of how you think we could improve even further. I will update you with plans for further development based on feedback in a future newsletter. Thank you

Prompt	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
I believe that my child is generally happy at school	98%		2%
Staff are approachable and helpful	100%		
I believe the school has created an environment where my child is safe and in which bullying and discrimination - online or offline – are not accepted and are dealt with quickly, consistently and effectively whenever they occur.	93%	3%	4%
I receive valuable information about my child’s progress and understand where my child is working in relation to age related expectations.	97%	1.5%	1.5%
I believe that my child makes good progress at this school.	96%	1.5%	2.5%
My child is well looked after at school.	99%		1%
The school provides a wide range of enrichment opportunities including before and after school clubs	99%		1%
The school deals with bullying effectively	80%	5%	15%
The school has a positive and respectful culture.	98%		2%
My child is taught well at school.	100%		
Blakehill Primary School is well led and managed.	99%		1
The vast majority of pupils at Blakehill behave well	91%	1%	7%
The school has clear routines and expectations for the behaviour of all pupils across all aspects of school life.	97%	1%	2%
The school responded well to any concerns I have raised (if applicable).	96%	1%	3%
I would recommend Blakehill Primary School to another parent.	98%		2%
Communication between home and school is good.	97%	1.5%	1.5%
My child receives the right amount of homework.	90%	6%	4%
Parents' Evening was informative and worthwhile.	98%	1%	1%
I attended the parent meetings earlier this term.	77%	14%	9%
The school has a strong focus on attendance and punctuality so that disruption to learning is minimised.	98%		2%
Classrooms and corridors are stimulating, well cared for and conducive to learning.	99%		1%
I am proud of all that our school achieves.	99%		1%

“Teachers are approachable, children enjoy school, clear and well thought out curriculum.”

“Great teaching, great communication, always listen to concerns.”

“Personalised MarvellousMe need to be more regular.”

“I love the family feel, the close-knit community and the opportunities the school provides for its students.”

“The staff, the ethos - a wonderful school.”

“More homework/home learning projects.”

“Blakehill is a caring school. Fantastic leadership, fantastic after school clubs, always a listening ear, put the children first.”

“More opportunities for parents to be involved at KS2.”

“Kind approach to all pupils, openness to new ideas and improvements.”

“The children produce amazing work compared to other schools in the area.”

“Updates to class pages of website.”

“Excellent sports coaching and range of sporting events, excellent teachers and quality of teaching.”

“Looks after the welfare of the children well. Lovely environment for the children and parents.”

“More communication via MarvellousMe to celebrate positives please, particularly nice for parents that do not drop off/ collect their child.”

“Staff seem to show a genuine interest in the pupils and their wider families.”

“The school environment is excellent, indoors and outdoors. The extra- curricular activities are exceptional. Early Birds and Night Owls is a super wraparound care provision. The staff are caring and considerate.”



### Blakehill Enrichment Opportunities - making learning meaningful.

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



How much fun can children have in one day?  
Lots and lots it seems - thank you for supporting Children in Need!



Children enjoying some quality time together at Tranquillity Club



Year 5 and 6 pupils demonstrating their badminton skills during their recent competition!



Reception children combining their phonic knowledge with their fine motor skill development. Every day is a learning day!



More Disney themed learning from Year 5, Year 3 and Year 2





# 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 **KINGFISHER** who were our house winners this week.

## Attendance - making every day count!

4So and 2G - top attending classes of the week!

### Making every day count!

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:

5GH: Friday 10 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
6N: Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	RW: Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Classes:
3S: Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	4SJ: Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July
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 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October**. Well done children we are very proud of you.

