

## Blakehill Primary School

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### Spring Term 2020

## Spring Term Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 3.45 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 3.45 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.**

There will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher during the second of our Parent Consultation Evenings in March.

Ten-minute slots are available for parents to discuss their child's progress, attainment, effort and behaviour. You will also have the chance to look at your child's work in books and at the work on display around school.

A mid-term report will be sent to parents on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November. You may want to discuss this during your parent/teacher consultation appointment.

**Appointments can be made via your online eschools account from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Please contact the school office should you require help with this.**

### Upcoming events/ diary dates

Year 1 Phonics and Year 2 SATs  
Parent Meeting: **Wednesday  
26<sup>th</sup> February 5:30pm**

World Book Day bedtime story  
for Reception class and KS1 -  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 5:00pm -  
6:00pm**

Parent Teacher Consultation  
Evenings: **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 3:45pm -  
7:00pm**

Learn to Rock Drumming  
Assembly for parents:  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2:00pm**

Rock Steady Concert:  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 9.00 am**

**School closes on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
February for half term and  
reopens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup>  
February at 8:45am.**

### Parent Forum

Thank you to all parents who attended the Andrew Whitehouse Conference held in school last week.

Andrew is a SEND consultant and experienced educator, who has held leadership, teaching and outreach roles in a range of settings and has extensive training and experience in the inclusion of learners with ADHD, Autism, Asperger Syndrome, Dyspraxia and Dyslexia.

We were delighted that so many of our parents could attend and the feedback has been highly positive. Although this event comes at a cost to the school, we believe that the information and strategies provided at the conference benefit our pupils and their parents greatly.

School are looking to host similar events in the future and welcome parent input/requests for training/information. Thank you to Mrs Pinder and Mrs Gould for organising the event.

### Polite reminder

Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds as a precautionary safeguarding measure for our pupils. This is due to the unpredictability of animals, particularly when they are in noisy and busy environments where children are prone to want to interact with the animals.

Thank you

### School Council

Our school council met last week and made some decisions about the school lunchtime menu. From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February:

- Mondays will be 'meat free'
- Roast beef will be replaced by roast chicken
- Chocolate & Neapolitan ice-cream added

Some great decisions made school council!

### School Behaviour Procedures

From January, school staff have been implementing our revised behaviour policy and procedures. We decided to adopt three school rules that embraced the views of our pupils, parents, staff and governors. These are:

- Be Ready
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe

These are known by all children and staff at Blakehill and are used to remind children of school's high expectations of pupil behaviours.

The main aim of the new policy is to provide a clear and consistent approach to managing pupil behaviours whilst helping pupils to understand that there are clear and measured consequences to poor behaviour choices.

Incidents of inappropriate language and behaviours are recorded. This allows us to monitor individual pupils and identify patterns in pupil behaviour.

We want pupils to leave Blakehill with the skills, knowledge and attitudes that will help them to be successful in later life.

A copy of the behaviour policy is on our school website.

### Holiday Dates 2020/21

To try to accommodate parents who wish to take their children on holiday during the Spring Bank break 2021, school leaders and governors have decided to extend the Spring Bank holiday from the usual one week to two next year.

We are fully aware of the increase in flights and holiday accommodation prices during school term time and sympathise with parents when they are penalised for taking their child out of school.

As you know, schools are held to account for attendance and we must be seen to be doing all that we can to ensure pupil attendance is good. However, we also want to try to meet the needs of our families.

Attached is the overview of school holidays for next year. Hopefully, the additional time allocated to the May/June break will reduce the number of day's holiday taken during term time for this period.

### Year 2 visit to the Chocolate Factory, York

Children in Year 2 visited the Chocolate Factory in York earlier this week to conclude their learning topic. Many thanks to the parent helpers and staff who made this trip an enjoyable one for our children. Year 2 classes have read the Roald Dahl book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and have based many of their learning activities around the topic this half term.

The children (and parents) have also been extremely busy at home, creating homework projects linked to the topic. Fabulous effort Year 2.





## Curriculum Enrichment

We place a great emphasis on enriching children's learning experiences across the curriculum at Blakehill; promoting opportunities that help our children develop the skills and knowledge that they will need to become life-long learners and responsible young people. Here are some example of our children's learning during the last two weeks.

### Reception Maths Challenge

Parents and pupils enjoyed working together to solve Maths puzzles and challenges this week in Reception class. Despite the cold and snowy weather parents turned out in their droves to participate in their child's learning. A great example of excellence and enjoyment at Blakehill.

Thank you Reception children, parents and staff!



Storm Ciara didn't stop our Reception children having fun outside this week.



Some of our parents visiting Year 2, helping our children to understand human growth and life cycles.



Some of the amazing homework projects made by pupils in 2P who have been reading Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. What clever children!



Mr Hodges presenting an assembly raising awareness of being safe online to the whole school. Children have completed follow up work in class.



# Attendance

Weekly  
attendance:

96.9%



Well done  
Summer and  
Harrison.  
100%  
attendance  
winners



Well done 2S -  
our top attending  
class for the last 2  
weeks. £5  
vouchers for you!

367

398

## Blakehill Values and Ethos

297

303

**Well done Jupiter - our end of term house point winning team!**

Well done to the following children who  
received celebration certificates in assembly  
on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February

**RD:** Piper Marsden

**RJ:** Evie Sykes

**1W:** Rayyan Ahmed

**1G:** Jake Newsham

**2P:** Cole Doherty

**2S:** Mia O'Hara

**3R:** Spencer Armstrong

**3J:** Amarlia Davids

**4P:** Mollie Simpson

**4H:** Alishia Wood

**5L:** Georgie Stockdill

**5R:** Jacey Dunn

**6S:** The whole class

**6G:** Eli Allen

### Class Assemblies 2019 – 2020

Class assemblies are on a Friday afternoon at 2:45pm.  
Parents are welcome to attend their child's assembly.  
The dates of all class assemblies are:

28<sup>th</sup> February: 2P

22<sup>nd</sup> May: 1W

6<sup>th</sup> March: 2S

5<sup>th</sup> June: 1G

13<sup>th</sup> March: RD

12<sup>th</sup> June: 4P

20<sup>th</sup> March: RJ

19<sup>th</sup> June: 4H

27<sup>th</sup> March: 3R

26<sup>th</sup> June: 2P

24<sup>th</sup> April: 3Ro

3<sup>rd</sup> July: 2S

1<sup>st</sup> May: 5J

9<sup>th</sup> July: RJ (Thursday)

15<sup>th</sup> May: 5L

10<sup>th</sup> July: RD

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.

*Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable  
half term break to all of our children  
and their families.*