

## Blakehill Primary School

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### Summer Term 2023

Welcome back to the final term of the school year, particularly to the children and families of new starters. The brighter and warmer months bring further opportunities to take our learning outdoors with visits, sports days and Coronation celebrations ahead of us.

New after-school clubs have started this term with the addition of cheerleading, gardening and games club. There are opportunities for all children to participate in one of the 17 extra-curricular activities currently offered. Please contact staff in the school office for details (01274 414355).

#### Proud to be Blakehill

A fabulous effort by our cross-country runners who participated in their very first regional finals at Temple Newsam last week. Children from schools across the Yorkshire area competed - our runners made us all very proud. Their dedication, resilience and determination paid off. The children definitely had a day to remember. Thank you to staff and parents/carers who have supported the children throughout the trials and competition. We will be back with a vengeance next year!



#### Staff News

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Rashid is expecting her second child and is very much looking forward to spending quality time with her family. Mrs Rashid will leave in June to commence her maternity leave. We wish her the very best of luck, love and happiness in the coming weeks. Mr Rhodes will teach 4R for the remainder of the academic year.

#### Upcoming events/ diary dates next term

School closed for Bank Holiday  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

NEU proposed strike days  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** (parents informed)

School closed for King Charles Coronation  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

KS2 SATs wk. commencing:  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 4 visit to Leeds City Museum  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Class photos  
Please note the change of date.  
Class photos are now **on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Shakespeare workshops – whole school -**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

School closes **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
School reopens **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 6 residential to York  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

PTFA Fathers' day Stall  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

Whole school Health Week  
including Sports' Days  
**Wk. commencing Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

#### Teamwork makes the Dream Work

Our brilliant PTFA continue to work tirelessly to organise fund-raising events for school. Currently, they are busy organising a Fathers' Day stall and the school's Summer Fair. The Summer Fair is a great community event and is always well attended by friends and families of Blakehill. This year the PTFA Summer Fair is on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 1pm -3pm** (save the date in your diary!)

The money raised from events like this and school discos, fund additional activities/resources for the children at our school. So far this year the PTFA have bought/funded:

- A whole school panto – Aladdin
- Punjabi Roots workshops
- 15 IPADs
- Picnic tables in KS2 playground
- Benches in KS2 playground

We are a friendly bunch who are always on the look-out for new members with exciting and fresh ideas. Please email: [coleenkellyblakehillptfa@gmail.com](mailto:coleenkellyblakehillptfa@gmail.com) for details on how you can become involved!

### King Charles III Coronation

A local dignitary will join children, staff and parents in a day of celebration on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May** to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. Staff are busy planning numerous activities to make sure that this will be a memorable day for us all. Parents/carers will have received an email with the full details of activities, competitions and events and, (weather permitting) are invited to attend.

**9:00am** - Coffee and cakes (parent café)

**10:00am - 11:00am** (approx.) Whole school assembly

- KS2 pupils gather for assembly
- Pupils in KS1 starting with Year 2, Year 1 and then Reception class bike/scooter/pram parade
- Welcome, introductions and purpose of assembly
- Maypole dancing - Year 3
- School council - time capsule
- Whole school song
- Maypole dancing - Year 4
- Tree planting by local dignitary
- Winner of stamp design/bike decoration
- Prayers and thanks
- Whole school National Anthem

**12:00pm** - Picnic lunch (parents leave)

**pm:** Ice cream for all children funded by the PTFA.

Cake/bun donations can be sent into school from Tuesday 2nd May for our parent café.



### To Be or Not to Be....

Mrs Hall and Mrs Rashid have organised two days of Shakespeare for the whole school. All children will be involved in Shakespearean drama, music and literacy workshops during the last week of half term.

### Switch off to Switch on

Our most recent pupil survey revealed that a significant number of children at Blakehill are finding it difficult to get to sleep or are waking up in the middle of night. Speaking to the children, it became clear that many were using their devices late into the night. Recent research from UNICEF revealed that using devices at night can interfere with children's sleep quality, which in turn can affect how a child feels and responds the following day. UNICEF recommend limiting the use of phones, tablets and computers for at least 30 minutes before bed and to think twice about letting your child use these devices in his or her bedroom after lights out. For more information please visit: <https://www.internetmatters.org/>.

### Polling Day

The Early Birds/Night Owls building will be used for a polling station on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May**. The top gate will be open during the day to allow access to the public. This exit will be supervised. Children attending Early Birds/Night Owls will be in the school hall before and after school and can be dropped off/collected via the main entrance on this day.

### Health Week - week commencing Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Teachers are planning activities for Health Week 2023 to raise an awareness of the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. Activities will include: physical activity, healthy eating, visits from health professionals, competitions and good old-fashioned fresh air fun!

Sports days will take place during Health Week and this year will be participant and competition focussed. Parents/carers who have a health/wellbeing background and would like to visit school to work with the children, please contact Mr Lumb via the school office.

### Keeping Children Safe

At the end of the school day, children in Reception - Year 4 are escorted out of the school building by a staff member and handed over to a visible and known adult.

Some of our older pupils have permission to walk home. Staff members supervise the external gates at the beginning and end of the school day.

Children are told that if their adult is not here to collect them, they must not leave the school premises. Parents and carers should inform staff in the school office if collection arrangements change or if they are running late to allow us to inform your class teacher/ make alternate arrangements. School finishes at 3:15pm and children should be collected promptly.



### 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...



The children in Reception class this week demonstrating just how fearless they are during a visit from Zoolab. Snakes, spiders and other giant creatures brought shivers to the spines of adults but smiles to the faces of the children.



**£312.36** was raised as a result of our turn the school orange to support the Azaylia Foundation charity! Thank you for your generosity.



What a super time the children in Year 1 had last week investigating wildlife at Rodley Nature Reserve. We love outdoor learning at Blakehill.



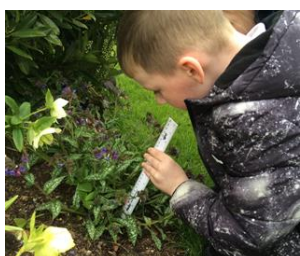
The children in 5G sharing their Solar System independent homework projects with their class this week. Great work boys!



Year 1 taking full advantage of the spring weather with some observational drawing of the plants and flowers in the school garden.



Children in Year 1 have just enough time to pose for a picture during active maths



What a fabulous day the children in Year 2 had on Wednesday at Harlow Carr. The children's delight, awe and interest is obvious in their gorgeous faces!





## 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.

## Attendance - making every day count!



100% attendance winners. Well done!



It's always a pleasure to see Natalie and Mr Froud in our assemblies. Keeping up traditions!

### Class Assemblies

Class assemblies are on a Friday afternoon at 2:45pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend these. The dates of the 2022-23 class assemblies are:

5GH: Friday 21 October	1W: Friday 27 January
5SJ: Friday 4 November	2P: Friday 24 February
4R: Friday 11 November	2G: Friday 3 March
4SJ: Friday 18 November	6R: Friday 17 March
3S: Friday 25 November	6P: Friday 31 March
3R: Friday 2 December	RW: Friday 30 June
1D: Friday 20 January	RS: Friday 7 July

### 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.

### 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 Assembly Winners

