

## Blakehill Primary School

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**Autumn Term  
2018**



We have enjoyed a couple of very busy and exciting weeks since our last newsletter, with all of our children (and staff) settling back well. Our new Reception children appear to be enjoying their time and experiences at Blakehill and staff are very proud of how well they have adjusted to the recent changes and new routines.



### Extra -Curricular Clubs



We have had a great response to our before and after school clubs with many children across school choosing to take part in one of the 19 clubs offered this term. A list of all clubs available can be found on our school website. Unless a child is representing the school (eg school choir/sporting tournament) there is a charge of £3.00 per club.

Please contact the school office to enquire about club availability.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

What a fabulous morning we have had!

Thank you to all of the children, parents, grandparents and friends of Blakehill who donated cakes/buns or who attended our Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Trust this morning

With your support, we managed to hold this successful fund raising event for the 4<sup>th</sup> year running. We are hoping that we smashed last year's total of £1100. We will let you know as soon as we have counted

A special mention to Mrs. Pedley, parent Niki Williams and Gemma Walker who have organised and co-ordinated the event and to all of our lovely parents and staff members who helped in the preparation and smooth running of the morning's activities - we couldn't do it without you!. We had some incredible gifts donated for the raffle and were inundated with confectionary. We even had enough buns/cakes left to ensure ALL pupils were able to have something...much to their delight!

Thank you!



### Upcoming events/ diary dates this half term

*Please note: more details to follow*

Year 3 and 4 Movie Night:  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Year 6 visit to Blackpool  
Pleasure Beach: **Friday 4<sup>th</sup>  
October**

Individual pupil  
photographs: **Friday 18  
October**

School Sponsored Obstacle  
Course: **Monday 7 October  
(details to follow)**

Year 1 visit Bradford  
Industrial Museum: **Tuesday  
8<sup>th</sup> October**

PTFA School Disco: **Tuesday  
15 October**

Year 4 residential to Nell  
Bank: **Monday 21 October -  
Wednesday 23 October**

Year 6 visit to Tropical  
World: **Wednesday 23  
October**

School Closes: **Thursday 24  
October. This will be a non-  
uniform day**

School Reopens: **Monday 4  
November**

Please note: The date of our class  
photos has changed. The new  
date is:  
**Friday 18 October**





## Welcome Back Year 5

This week, Year 5 pupils have been on their 5-day residential visit to Ingleborough Hall in the Yorkshire Dales. The children had a fabulous time caving, gorge scrambling, hiking, tree climbing, folk dancing and much more!

Many thanks to staff: Mrs Hall, Miss Lancaster, Mr Hodges, Mrs Horrocks, Mrs Cavalier-Lumley, Mrs Hudson, Mrs Ross, Mr Patterson and our Chair of Governors, Mr Cavalier Lumley for giving up their time and for organising the week's events. Their commitment and enthusiasm is very much appreciated.

The children enjoyed a fun filled week of activities. We expect them to be exhausted tonight! Please check our school Twitter and the school blog for photographs of the children.

### Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings

**Tuesday 19 November 3.45 p.m. -7.00 p.m.**

**Thursday 21 November 3.45 p.m. -7.00 p.m.**

It is that time of year again where parents are given the opportunity to come in to school 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. Parents will also have the chance to look at their child's work in books and at the work on display around school.

**Appointments can be made via your online eschools account from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Please contact the school office should you require help with this.**

### Zulu Warriors

We are really excited to have The Mighty Zulu Nation visit school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October. The zulu warriors are will work with our children and provide a day full of African dance, music and art.



### Open Classrooms

We are hoping to hold an open classrooms evening in the Autumn Term. This will give parents the opportunity to go into their child's classroom, meet the staff and look at their child's work so far this term.



### Phonic Workshop

Thank you to all parents in reception class who attended the phonic workshop this week. It was lovely to meet our newest parents. We hope you found this useful. For tips of how to help your child read, please see our Reception staff team.





### Sponsored Obstacle Course

A reminder that our sponsored obstacle course will be on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. Children should bring 'suitable clothing' for the event and hopefully the weather will remain fine for it to go ahead on the school field. Parents are also very welcome to watch, or even better join in and tackle our obstacle course with their child.

The timetable for the event is as follows:

**9:15am** Reception classes **9.45am:** Year 2, **10.15am:** Year 4 classes, **10.45am:** Year 3 classes, **11.30am:** Year 5 classes, **1.30pm:** Year 6 classes, **2.30pm:** Year 1 classes.

Please see our school website/Twitter to discover more about what your child is learning in school.

### Caring for our Community

#### Bradford Food Bank

This year, as in previous years, Blakehill will be supporting the Bradford Metropolitan Food Bank, a local, volunteer organisation that works tirelessly to provide food supplies for impoverished families within our community. A special assembly was held today which highlighted the plight of some of these families/individuals.

A letter from Mrs Pinder, who co-ordinates this appeal will follow shortly to advise you on how you can help to support the appeal if you wish to do so.

### 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 they will need become life-long learners and responsible young people. Here are some example of this:



Martial Arts after- school club



Year 4 Bread-making



KS1 Yoga



Year 1 story-telling with puppets

#### Year 5 STEM: Building a boat



Getting to grips with numbers Yr1



Investigating evaporation in Year 4



Year2 Daily Mile

Well done to the following children who received a celebration certificate in the Celebration Assemblies on 16<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September.

**RD:** Jorja Jackson

**RJ:** Alfie Taylor

**1G:** Joe Gatenby-Barraclough and Grace Poole

**1W:** Jan Kubala, Maya Spratt and Eikam Dhilon and Florrie Nelson

**2P:** Amelia Drinkwater

**2S:** Thomas Vanderstock

**3R:** Josephine Dewhirst and Isla Burke

**3Ro:** Ben Craven and Lola Normington

**4P:** Abigail Fenton-Brown and Lewis Carey

**4H:** Oscar Ellis and Annabelle Matthews

**5L:** Eve Sparkes

**5HJ:** Natalie Coe

**6SR:** Taylor Townend and Elise Stratton

**6G:** Cadey Gosley and Oliver Butterfield

### Class Assemblies 2019-20

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:

4 <sup>th</sup> October: 5H/J	20 <sup>th</sup> March: RJ
11 <sup>th</sup> October: 5L	27 <sup>th</sup> March: 3R
8 <sup>th</sup> November: 4P	24 <sup>th</sup> April: 3Ro
15 <sup>th</sup> November: 4H	1 <sup>st</sup> May: 5J
22 <sup>nd</sup> November: 3R	15 <sup>th</sup> May: 5L
29 <sup>th</sup> November: 3Ro	22 <sup>nd</sup> May: 1W
10 <sup>th</sup> January: 6SR	5 <sup>th</sup> June: 1G
17 <sup>th</sup> January: 6G	12 <sup>th</sup> June: 4P
31 <sup>st</sup> January: 1W	19 <sup>th</sup> June: 4H
7 <sup>th</sup> February: 1G	26 <sup>th</sup> June: 2P
28 <sup>th</sup> February: 2P	3 <sup>rd</sup> July: 2S
6 <sup>th</sup> March: 2S	9 <sup>th</sup> July: RJ (THURSDAY)
13 <sup>th</sup> March: RD	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

### Positive Start

Feeling a little nervous about coming to school in the morning? Worrying about the day ahead? Want a place where you can meet with others for a snack, drink and a chat before school to settle those nerves? Then come along to our Positive Start Club, mornings from 8:30am.

Please see either Mrs Pinder or Mrs Gould for more details.

Congratulations to our Year 6 Hockey team who excelled at their game at the Hanson Hockey Tournament last week!





### Year 2 visit to Saltaire

What a great day our Year 2 pupils had in Saltaire earlier this week. The children (and parents) loved finding out about the history of this famous village and mill owner Sir Titus Salt. Thank you to all of the grown up helpers on the day!



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## Blakehill Values and Ethos

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### House Points

Pupils at Blakehill can receive house points for: demonstrating a positive attitude to their learning, trying their best, never giving up even when facing challenges, high quality work and supporting others in their learning. This system encourages pride, achievement and teamwork. House points recognise independent and collaborative achievements.

All children are part of a house team. Our house teams are named after Jowett cars:

**Kestrel, Javelin, Jupiter and Kingfisher.**

During our Monday Celebration Assembly, the house with the highest number of house points achieved the previous week is announced.

Well done to **JUPITER** who were the house winners last week with **142** house points.

## Attendance



Well done  
Malachy and  
Lilly. 100%  
attendance  
winners



Current  
whole school  
attendance is

96.1%

Well done!

