

# Blakehill Primary School

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## Summer Term 2024

### Staff News

We say a huge thank you and a fond farewell to some staff at the end of this academic year.

Mrs Rashid who has worked at Blakehill for 13 years has decided to hang up her teacher hat at Blakehill, ready for a new challenge. She is a wonderful and highly regarded teacher. We will all miss her dearly.

Mr Duffy (3D) and Miss Solomons (4So) have come to the end of their one-year fixed term contracts after covering staff maternity leave. I am pleased to say that they have secured jobs elsewhere – I am sure that they will be hugely successful. Mrs Qadeer and Miss Campbell (SEND TAs) also leave at the end of the term.

On behalf of all staff, governors, pupils and their parents I would like to express my sincere gratitude, love and best wishes to all members of staff leaving at the end of term.

Congratulations to Mrs Johnston who is expecting her 2<sup>nd</sup> child and will leave Blakehill in October. Mrs Johnston will still be with us in September but will not be class based.

A final congratulations on the promotion of two members of staff. From September, Mrs Gould will be Blakehill’s Deputy Headteacher and Miss Dickinson, the school’s Early Years’ Leader. They will be fabulous in their new roles.

I would like to wish all staff the very best of luck, love and happiness for 2024/25.

### Upcoming events/ diary dates

New to Reception Stay and Play sessions

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 1pm-2.30pm**

Year 6 Prom

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 6:30pm-8:00pm**

Reports to Parents

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 6 Production

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July (pm)**

Blakehill’s Got Talent

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 6 Leaver’s Awards Ceremony

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 9:00am – 10:00am**

**(Families welcome)**

Whole School Awards Ceremony

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 10:30am**

**School closes: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> July.

On Wednesday, pupils met with their new class teachers in preparation for September. We welcome Mrs Nelson (3N) this year who is a highly experienced teacher and will be a real asset to the school. Mr Hargreaves (Sports Coach) also joins the Blakehill team from September. 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 the children and their families once again next year. Below are the classes for 2024/25.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Miss Stocks Miss Hart Mrs Spivey	Miss Morley Mrs Shaw	1W-2H Miss Hulston Mrs Sheerin	2H-3R Mrs Roberts Mrs Howell-Gott	3S-4R Mr Rhodes Mrs Ross	4So-5P Mr Poole Mrs Wright	5GH-6GH Mrs Hall/Mrs Gould Miss Power
Miss Dickinson Mrs Lister	Mrs Watts Mrs Hand	1M-2SG Mrs Scott/Grattan Mrs Brooks	2G-3N Mrs Nelson Mrs O’Brien	3D-4SJ Mr Sugden Miss Collinson	4SJ-5J Mrs Javed Mrs Cookson	5J-6N Mr Nicklin Mrs Bedell

**School Uniform**

I know that many of you will have already started buying school uniform in preparation for the 2024/25 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.

**New from September**

From September, children will be encouraged to come to school in their PE Kit in order to maximise their allocated PE time and help reduce the number of lost uniform items on these days. Class teachers will inform you which days your child has PE in September. School will enforce strict PE uniform requirements to ensure that high expectations, pupil conduct and learning behaviours are maintained. Thank you for your support with this.

**PE Uniform**

- A navy blue school jumper/hoody (with or without school logo)
- Black/navy blue jogging bottoms/leggings (plain)
- Navy blue shorts (plain)
- White T shirt (plain)
- Black pumps or black trainers



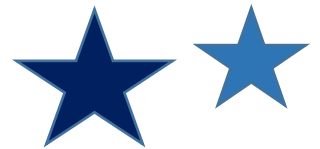
**Reception and KS1 Uniform**

- White polo shirt/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
- Trainers can be worn for PE and at break times. Shoes or pumps should be worn in school at all times



**Blakehill Sponsored 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. Thank you also to our PTFA for supplying the well needed ice-creams! The deadline for all sponsor monies is **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**.

**Holidays in Term Time**

From September, Blakehill will be implementing the new DfE guidance for driving improvements in attendance in schools. These new and strict regulations will see schools forced to issue fixed penalty notices for holidays taken in term and persistent absence. Information will be shared with you before the end of the school term via email. Whilst this is not something we want to enforce; pressure is on schools to improve pupil attendance.

**KS2 Playground**

The next phase of the KS2 playground renovation work is taking place next week. The old canopy will be removed and replaced by a new wooden one. Artificial grass and a new seating area will be added to this area. The children in Year 5/6 will still access their entrance and safety fencing erected around the area being renovated. There should be minimal disruption. I am sure that it will all be worth it!

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...



Green-Fingered Gardeners

Our school gardening club have been very busy making our new playground planters look colourful and inviting. From herbs, to shrubs, climbers to vegetables these green-fingered gardening enthusiasts are bringing new life to the school grounds.



What a huge success the PTFA Summer Fair was despite the unpredictable weather. Thank you to everyone who managed to attend and for our PTFA members and staff who were on hand to support the event.



We are proud of our U11s girl's cricket team who got through to the county finals this week. This is their first year playing this sport and they all represented the school well. Way to go girls!



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.



Year one taking a visit down memory lane at Skipton Castle last week



Year 6 in role during their Shakespeare workshop

# 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 **92.5%**. 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.**



Celebration Award winners **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July**. Well done children we are very proud of you.



Class assemblies are held every Friday at 2:45pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. Please ensure that you are on time to avoid disruption to the assembly. The dates and time of these are:

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| 1W: Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February | 2G: Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June                           |
| 1M: Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March     | 2H: Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June                           |
| RD: Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March     | 1W: Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June                           |
| RS: Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March    | 1M: Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July                            |
| 5GH: Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April   | Both Reception<br>Classes:<br>Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July |
| RW: Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April    |  |
| 4SJ: Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April   |  |
| 4So: Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May      |  |
| 3S: Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May      |  |
| 3D: Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June      |  |

**Please Note: For safeguarding purposes, we request that photos and videos are used for personal use only and not shared on social media unless permission from the parents concerned has been given. Thank you.**



### 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.