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Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings

It was lovely to see so many parents at the parent/teacher consultation meetings last 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.

PTFA Christmas Fair

We are really looking forward to seeing you all at this year's Christmas Fair on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 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.

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 should not be wrapped.

Children in Need A grand total of £323.10 was raised during our Children in Need Day last week. Well done Blakehill!

Upcoming events/  
diary dates this  
term

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

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

PTFA Christmas Fair  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
4:30pm – 6:00pm**

Cross country event at  
Woodhouse Grove  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

Santa Grotto in the Hall  
(present for every  
child)  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

Please find below the calendar of Christmas events.

Event	When
PTFA Christmas Fair	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (after school)</b>
PTFA Christmas Gift stall	<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December in school</b>
EYFS Nativity Productions	<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am</b>
Year 1 Craft and Carols	<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December (families welcome)</b>
Year 2 Productions	<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm</b>
Year 3 and 4 Cinema	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December (am)</b>
Year 3 and 4 Christingle	<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm at Holy Trinity Church, Idle. Families welcome</b>
Year 5 and 6 Christingle	<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm at Holy Trinity Church, Idle. Families welcome</b>
Year 5 and 6 Cinema	<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (am)</b>
Reception class and KS1 Christmas Parties	<b>Year 1 - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December (pm) Year 2 - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (pm) Reception - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December (pm)</b>
Christmas Dinner Day/Christmas jumpers	<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Carols around the Tree	<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>
School closes/reopens	<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>

Thank you for your feedback during the recent parent survey. The outcomes below indicate the responses of the 170 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 happy at school	98%	2%	
I believe my child is safe at school	99%	1%	
I believe my child makes good progress at Blakehill	98%	2%	
I receive valuable information about my child's progress at Blakehill	98%	1%	1%
My child is well looked after at Blakehill	98%	1%	1%
My child is well taught at Blakehill	99%	1%	
Blakehill is well led and managed	99%	1%	
Blakehill makes sure that its pupils are well behaved	97%	2%	1%
Blakehill responds well to any concerns I have raised	93%	3%	4%
I would recommend Blakehill to another parent	99%	1%	
My child receives homework	Too much 3%	Just right 85%	None/too little 12%

"The Early Birds and Night Owls provision is excellent."

"It would have been good if teachers had been present at the open evening event last week."

"Blakehill is a fantastic school, with amazing teachers. I have 3 children at Blakehill and they thrive here."

"More specific homework to address any learning needs."

"Thank you to all staff for making my child's transition so smooth and enjoyable. The team is outstanding!"

"We raised a concern and it was handled brilliantly. I was listened to and reassured and given the time of day."

"Communication can be overwhelming and not personalised with lots of information last minute."

"I LOVE Blakehill!"

"Prior to the start of the new academic year, it would have been useful to have a tour of the new classroom and meet our child's teacher."

"Amazing school – real community vibe."

"Pleased with how much progress my child is making. She loves coming to school and is happy here."

"Our child is really happy at Blakehill and has settled into his new year group quickly. We appreciate everything that the staff do for the parents and the children. It's a brilliant school and you do so many extra things for us."

"I am still concerned about the parking on the double yellow lines at the crossing with the island."

"We would appreciate more information with regards to progress/learning/behaviour more frequently (not just at parent evenings)"

"Amazing school. Enthusiastic teachers and great senior leaders. Both of my children love to come to school daily and thrive in their activities. Thank you Blakehill."

"Such a lovely school experience."



Together We Can



**Blakehill Enrichment Opportunities - making learning meaningful.**

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



"A wise bear always keeps a marmalade sandwich in his hat in case of emergency"  
Inspirational words from Paddington Bear.

1W worked together and followed instructions to make yummy marmalade sandwiches today in English 🍞



Great sketching skill celebrated in Year 6GH this week – what talent!



Teacher modelling using and creating a story map!  
Now it's year one's turn to recreate the story sequentially. Teamwork makes the dreamwork  
Year 1



Our U11's football team came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the second round of the Utilita – Road to Wembley cup. Great effort boys!



What a fantastic day for our children meeting Antony Cotterill. A true inspiration who shared his life journey during a Q&A assembly.



# 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!

RS- top attending class 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:

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 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<br>Classes:<br>Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July |
| 6N: Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January   | RW: Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April    |  |
| 3S: Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January   | 4SJ: Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April   |  |
| 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.

Celebration Award winners on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October** Well done children we are very proud of you.

