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Summer Term 2024

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 May Day celebrations ahead of us.

There is so much happening this term. Please see the diary dates section of this newsletter for an overview of key dates and upcoming events. Class teachers will provide more details nearer to each event should this be required.

New after school clubs have started this term with the addition of science club and dance and cheerleading. 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).



Play Days are Happy Days

Despite the delay in the renovation to the KS2 playground, works are finally complete. Plans to renew the canopy area and add soft turfing and games tables will go ahead shortly. The children LOVE the new areas. Mrs. Keighley is saving hard for other projects on her wish list!



Important to know!

The Night Owls building will be used as a polling station on **Thursday 2nd May**. Children attending Early Birds and Night Owls on this date will be in the school hall before and after school and should enter via the main entrance. Wake up Shake up is cancelled on this day.

Reminder: School is closed for one day on **Monday 6th May** for May Day.

Assessment

Children in Year 1, 2, 4 and 6 will participate in national standardised tests this term. Parents will already have information about these and key dates can be found in the diary dates section. It is vital that children attend school every day and get plenty of sleep during the assessment window to ensure that they are at their very best during the administration of the tests.

Staff in school will be able to support you should you have any concerns or need further information.

Upcoming events/ diary dates this term

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

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

Year 3 visit Leeds City Museum **Tuesday 7th May**

Year 4 Come Learn With Me parent/child session **Wednesday 8th May (pm)**

Year 5 online safety session **Friday 10th May**

KS2 SATs Week **Wk. comm. Monday 13th May**

May Day/Whitsun Celebrations **Friday 17th May**

School closes for half term **Tuesday 21st May and re-opens on Monday 3rd June**

Year 4 Multiplication Check **Wk. comm: Monday 3rd June**

Year 6 Residential to Castle Howard **Wednesday 5th June – Friday 7th June**

Year 1 Phonic Screening Check **Wk. comm Monday 10th June**

Year 2 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park **Thursday 13th June**

PTFA Father's Day Stall **Friday 14th June**

Whole school Shakespeare Workshops **Wednesday 19th June and Thursday 20th June**

Sports Days 2024 **Monday 24th June – Year 5 and 6 (am)**
Monday 24th June – Year 1 and 2 (pm)
Tuesday 25th June – Year 3 and 4 (am)
Tuesday 25th June – Reception (pm)

Year 1 visit to Skipton Castle **Wednesday 26th June**

Health Week - week commencing **Monday 24th June 2024**

Teachers are planning activities for Health Week 2024 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. Families are welcome to attend. Dates are provided below; times will be confirmed in due course.

Monday 24th June – Year 5 and 6 (am)

Monday 24th June – Year 1 and 2 (pm)

Tuesday 25th June – Year 3 and 4 (am)

Tuesday 25th June – Reception (pm)

There will be a whole school inflatable obstacle course on **Thursday 27th June** for all children to enjoy.

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 with Tradition

This year we will celebrate the beginning of summer by holding a special May Day celebration. Children in Reception and KS1 will be invited to decorate their bikes, scooters or prams and will parade around the hall/playground in front of the whole school. Year 3 will perform folk songs and Year 4 will entertain us with some traditional maypole dancing.

This celebration will take place (weather permitting) **on Friday 17th May** with a picnic lunch for all. Further details to follow.



To Be or Not to Be....

Mrs Hall has organised two days of Shakespeare for the whole school. All children will be involved in Shakespearean drama, music and literacy workshops in June. The outcome of this work will be displayed for all to see in the corridors around school. Thank you Mrs Hall.

We are here to listen - PE Uniform

After much campaigning from the school council and listening to the views of the children at Blakehill and their parents, we have decided that **from September, children will come to school in their PE kit on the days that they have PE.**

This kit will be a **PE uniform** and there will be strict expectations that it is worn as such. The only logo on the uniform should be the school logo. The Blakehill uniform consist of:

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

We feel the benefits of adopting a PE uniform would be:

- Limited changing times therefore increasing actual physical activity times
- A reduction in lost property items
- Abolish the constraint of changing room facilities in the school building

All uniform items are available from the usual uniform outlets including The Uniform Shop (Bradford) and Whitakers (Shipley). The new hoodies with the school logo will be in stock from the above shortly.

Proud to be Blakehill

In a recent staff survey 100% of staff said that they are proud to work at Blakehill. 98% of Year 6 pupils and 100% of staff believe that the behaviour of most of the pupils at Blakehill is at least good. This data is encouraging and reflects the continued hard work, dedication and support from all sectors of our school community in our efforts to maintain the high standards of pupil behaviour, conduct and quality of learning that we expect at Blakehill.

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...



Children in Year 1 making the tricky concept of arrays accessible to all through play and exploration.



Year 1 pupils putting their bird watching skills to the test at Rodley Nature Reserve.



What fun our Reception children had at Swithens Farm last week! They even had the chance to feed some of the newborn lambs.



Our Year 6 pupils considering the harmful impact of social media on young people. Great deep thinking and discussion.

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 KINGFISHER – house of the week!

Attendance - making every day count!

Attendance – Advice to Schools

New regulations issued by the Department for Education to schools in the recent drive to improve attendance will be implemented from September 2024. All schools are required to follow the guidance. Mrs. Gould, our attendance leader will provide information to parents later this term focusing in particular on how the new measures will affect our families. A link to the guidance is provided below.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/63049617e90e0729e63d3953/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance.pdf

Celebration Assembly Winners for 15th and 22nd April



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