Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Dear Parent / Carer / Guardian,

Welcome back and welcome to Year 6! We hope that you and your family have had a wonderful summer and are ready for the new academic year. Year 6 is a very busy and important year. Pupils are now in their final year at Blakehill and will soon begin the process of selecting which secondary school they wish to attend.

Your child will bring home an information leaflet for parents for applying to secondary schools in Bradford (this includes the dates for school open evenings). Leeds schools’ information is available at:

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school>

Pupils also have their end of Key Stage 2 SAT tests which take place in May. Throughout this year, we ask for your continued support. If you do have any questions, worries or queries, please feel free to speak to a member of the Year 6 team.

**Curriculum**

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| ***Subject*** | ***Unit***  |
| Mathematics | Place ValueAddition and Subtraction Multiplication and Division FractionsGeometry – Position and Direction  |
| English | **Narrative**Suspense narrativeWriting from a different point of view Characters and settings**Non fiction**Journalistic writing formal/informal writing  |
| Science | Electricity  |
| History  | The Mayans  |
| Geography  |  |
| Music | UkuleleHow does music bring us together? How does music connect us with the past? |
| Computing  | Communication and Interaction3D modelling |
| Art  | Drawing – shading to show moods and feelings |
| DT | Electrical games |
| PSHE | Me and my relationshipsValuing difference |
| MFL | My choicesFood and drink |
| RE | How do Sikhs show commitment? How does growing up bring responsibility?  |
| PE | IN: tennis and fitnessOUT: frisbee and Outdoor Adventurous Activity |

**Dates for your diary**

There are a number of key dates already in place for Year 6, please ensure to keep a record of these. **We ask that no children are taken out of school during SATs week.**

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| Wednesday 3rd September | School reopens |
| Friday 5th September  | Education Wellbeing Team delivering friendship workshop |
| Monday 13th October  | Bradford City and West Yorkshire Police -knife crime workshop |
| Thursday 23rd October | School closes – half-term |
| Friday 24th October | School closed to pupil - training day |
| Monday 3rd November  | School re-opens |
| Tuesday 18th November | Parent consultation evening |
| Wednesday 19th November | Parent consultation evening |
| Friday 21st November  | Children In Need Day |
| Monday 15th December  | Year 5 and 6 Christingle Service  |
| Tuesday 16th December  | Year 5 and 6 cinema visit  |
| Wednesday 17th December  | Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day |
| Friday 19th December | School closes – Christmas holiday |

**Attendance and punctuality**

We would like to emphasise the importance of excellent attendance and hope that you and your child will make every effort to make sure that you are on time and ready for the school day. The school doors open at 8:35am. Children should be in school by 8.55am for Registration, at the latest.

**Mobile Phones**

We understand that some pupils have mobile phones and that they use these as they walk to and from school on their own. We must stress that mobile phones should be turned off once your child has entered the school grounds. Mobile phones should then be given to a member of staff so that they can be securely put away during the school day and returned at the end of the day.

**Spellings**

Spellings will be handed out to pupils on a Tuesday and tested the following Tuesday. These spellings will cover the Year 6 spelling curriculum. It is important that pupils are learning their spellings and we ask that you support your child with this.

**Home Reading**In Year 6, children are given daily opportunities to change their reading books and we expect them to be independent enough to identify when they need to do this.

It is essential that your child reads as frequently as possible to build their stamina for reading and we are looking for children to read **at least** three times a week at home – this should be recorded in their home reading record. On occasion, please listen to your child read. If your child has a book ‘on the go’ at home, they are welcome to bring it to school to read during independent reading time.

**PE**

**Indoor PE is on a Tuesday and Outdoor PE is on a Thursday.**

Children should wear their PE kit to school on this day. 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 PE uniform consists 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 trainers

A Sports Coach, will lead both PE sessions.

**Water Bottles**

To enable your child to have a drink of water, we would encourage a named water bottle be brought into school. Try to ensure your child’s bottle is of the non-spill variety. Bottles should be taken home daily to be cleaned.

**Uniform**

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform (named so that it can be easily returned if lost), including black school shoes. If your child does not have suitable black school shoes, they will be given black pumps to wear throughout the day inside. Children can wear trainers at play times and lunch times but these must be changed back to school shoes ready for returning to lessons. Pupils are also required to wear a school tie with a white shirt or polo shirt and children in Key Stage 2 should have a school cardigan or V-necked school jumper.

**Walking Home**

If you wish for your walk home unsupervised, please notify the school office. Without permission, we will not allow children to leave the school grounds unaccompanied.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to any of us at the end of the school day.

Yours sincerely,

**The Year 6 Team**

Mrs Hall and Mrs Nelson

Mrs. Wright, Miss Power and Mrs Taylor (Teaching Assistants)