

Blakehill Primary School

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On behalf of staff and governors, we would like to wish you all a warm welcome back, especially to our newest children in Reception class and their families. The children have settled really well, and we are looking forward to another busy and rewarding term.

Our school newsletters are sent to parents every two weeks to provide information of forthcoming events and to keep you up to date with Blakehill 'news'. They are sent via email every second Friday and are also available on our website/school Facebook. I apologise in advance for the overload of information in this newsletter.

Your child's Class Teacher or Teaching Assistant are best placed to help with any day-to-day queries or concerns you may have. They spend the majority of the school day with your child.

Meet Blakehill Primary School's Senior Leadership Team

They each have specific responsibilities in school in addition to their Class Teacher role and are also available to support the pupils, staff and parents in school.



Lisa Keighley
Headteacher



Rachel Gould
Deputy
Headteacher



Helen Hall
Assistant
Headteacher



Catherine Scott
Assistant
Headteacher/DSL

Safeguarding

Could parents please notify school if the usual arrangements for collecting your child at the end of the school day changes. In the interest of your child's safety, staff particularly in KS1 will not allow a child to go with an unknown adult unless notification has been received.

Media and Photography Consent Form

Unless we have parent/carers written consent, we are unable to use images/photos of your child on our school newsletters, school website etc. If you have not already done so, please complete and sign the school's Media and Photography Consent Form which can be obtained from the school office. Parents wanting their child to be exempt must also indicate their wishes.

Upcoming events/ diary dates this half term

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

Year 1 Dress as a Monster Day
Monday 22nd September

National Fitness Day
Wednesday 24th September

Languages Day
Thursday 26th September

Year 3 Visit to Cartwright Hall
Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd October

Individual photos
Friday 3rd October

Year 2 'Meet a Victorian lady'
Friday 3rd October

Individual pupil photographs: **Friday 3rd October**

PTFA Disco (pyjama themed)
Tuesday 7th October
Rec/KS1 4:45pm-5:45pm
KS2 6:00pm-7:00pm

Parent Sleep Clinic
Tuesday 7th October

Cross Country Event – Cliffe Castle
Wednesday 8th October

Year 2 Visit to Saltaire
Thursday 9th October

U11 girls' football event
Monday 13th October

Year 6 Chocolate Story Visit
Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th October

Year 1 visit to Industrial Museum (Washday Workshop)
Thursday 23rd October

Year 4 residential to Nell Bank
Wednesday 15th October – Friday 17th October

School Closes:
Thursday 23rd October. This will be a non-uniform day

Staff News

A warm welcome to Mrs. Baldwin who joined Blakehill Primary at the start of this term. Kirsty joins our team of SEND Teaching Assistants.

School Uniform

How smart do our pupils look in their school uniforms? particularly those pupils in Year 3 who are now wearing a school tie. So far, (touch wood) these seem to have caused very little distraction! We have received so many compliments from staff and parents about the appearance of our pupils in school.

Please note: There is no requirement for any of item to have the school logo displayed as we understand the cost implication to families that are linked to branded clothing.

We still have many items of preloved uniform in school. These have been donated by parents and are free of charge should you require anything. Please contact Miss O'Brien if you require any items of uniform.

Every class in school has PE twice a week: one indoor session and one outdoor session. PE kits should be worn on the days that your child has PE. A full list of uniform requirements is on the school website. **PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING etc. ARE NAMED.** This helps us to return items quickly and easily if misplaced.

For health and safety reasons we ask that children do not wear jewellery. This includes hooped earrings. Nail varnish is not part of school's uniform policy. Thank you for your support with this.



Parking Reminder

With the return to school after the summer break comes the frustration caused by limited parking availability.

Inconsiderate and unsafe parking is an ongoing cause for concern among residents and parents/carers, and school are often asked to intervene, particularly when conversations become heated.

This unfortunately is a problem that we all have to manage in the best way we can.

Our main priority is the safety of our children and their families.

Our crossing patrol man is situated at the island outside the top gates, this is deemed the safest place to cross the road.

Please Park with care and consideration. A few minutes late is better than an early morning altercation in the presence of children. Thank you for your support. Please stay safe.

Snacks

Children in Reception classes, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with free fruit daily. Children in Year 3 - Year 6 can bring fruit, vegetables or cereal bars to eat. Crisps, sweets and chocolate bars are not permitted. The school tuck shop, available to children in Years 3-6 sell toast/juice at break time. The cost of toast is 20p and a drink is 30p.

We recognise the important role that schools play in encouraging pupils to make healthy life choices which include healthy food choices. Educating children at an early stage in their lives helps them to make considered choices and benefits them in the future. Thank you.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

It is that time of year again when our Year 6 parents receive information about applying for a place at secondary school for their child. If parents have any questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Year 6 teaching team who will be able to help you.

Medication

All medication, including inhalers were returned home wherever possible at the end of term in July. If your child requires medication in school, could you please make sure that this is handed in to staff in the school office. Parents need also check expiry dates on prescribed medication. Thank you!



Rocking All Over the World

We were excited to welcome Status Quo drummer Jeff Rich to school this week. Jeff talked to children in KS2 about his life and career, the history of drums and led an interactive drumming workshop for all to enjoy. Epic!



Safeguarding

School is responsible for the safe handover of every child to a responsible adult at the end of the school day. We are also responsible for ensuring that older children, walking home unsupervised, are safe and that there is a responsible adult at home when they arrive.

To help us to keep your child safe, please notify your child's class teacher in writing if your child walks home alone.

If there are factors that may impact on the safety of any child, school will ask to speak with parents/carers.

Mobile phones and smart watches

Devices that can take photos or record, including smart watches, are not allowed in school.

Pupil mobile phones should be switched off once on the school premises and handed over to the class teacher for safe keeping.

Extra- curricular Clubs

We are incredibly proud of the range of extra-curricular activities offered at Blakehill. We are always looking for ways to extend opportunities for the children in school to participate in a rich and diverse offer of enrichment activities.

After school clubs started on Wednesday 3rd September. Look out for letters home about clubs in school and speak to Mr Lumb, the school's Sports and Personal Development Officer for further information or if you have new ideas.

Please see the school website for a list of clubs this half term.

Parental Involvement

Parental involvement is one of the key factors to a child's success in primary school. Being involved in your child's learning helps to build strong foundations that benefit early education, leading to future success.

There will be a series of opportunities to be part of your child's learning journey throughout the year with our class 'Come and Learn' sessions.

Prior to Parent/ Teacher Consultation evenings, you will be invited into school to view your child's work, classroom and school. This is our 'Open Classrooms' event which happen twice a year. Watch out for key dates next half term.

Online Parent Communication Tool

Juniper Education replaces Marvellous Me- the online tool used to support parent engagement, used by staff to send positive messages and reminders to parents and carers.

Parents will have been sent an invitation and instructions via email to download the app to their device.

I understand that the transition process has not been as straightforward as we would have hoped and some of you may still be experiencing difficulties.

Please contact the school office if you have not received this email or you are having trouble accessing Juniper.

Contact Telephone Numbers

Please ensure that our office staff are notified if you have changed address, email or telephone number? Having the correct contact details of parents/carers, (e.g. current mobile and telephone numbers) are vital when children are ill and immediate contact needs to be made.

Blakehill Residentials

It is almost time for pupils and staff in Year 4 and 5 to dig out their wellies and waterproofs as they prepare for their annual residential visits as part of their geography fieldwork and science topics. Residential visits are a great opportunity for outdoor learning and encourages children to build relationships, stamina, resilience and self-esteem.

Year 4 visit Nell Bank Outdoor Activity Centre from
Wednesday 15th October – Friday 17th October

Year 5 visit Buckden Outdoor Centre from:
Monday 3rd November - Friday 7th November
Kit lists/medical forms etc will be sent out shortly.



Blakehill Enrichment Opportunities - making learning meaningful.

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



It's always a great start to the week when Mr. Froud and Natalie visit school. Music, stories and fun set us up for the day!



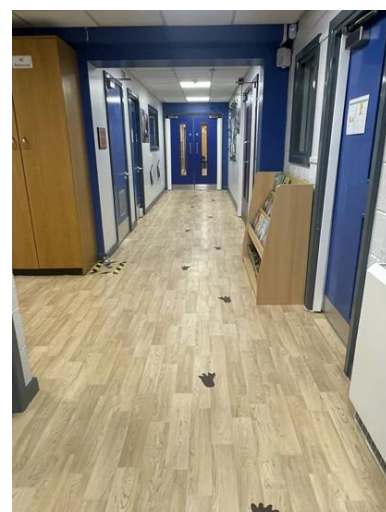
New school year, new beginnings and new experiences. Welcome back to all of our Blakehill children



Children in Year 1 on their mission to discover who or what visited school, leaving a trail of clues for them to investigate.



Forest school fun!



Our new starters showing us the importance of early reading.

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**. House team winners this week with a total of 40 house points

Attendance - making every day count!

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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.

Fixed Penalty Notices

Holidays taken during term time are subject to a fixed penalty notice as part of the Local Authority campaign to improve attendance across the district. Schools do not benefit from any fines - this is paid directly to the council however Local Authority schools like ours are obliged to follow the guidance and procedures.

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies are on a Friday afternoon at 2:45pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend these. The dates of the 2025/6 class assemblies are:

5J: Friday 14 th November	<u>1W: Thursday 26th February</u>	3S: Friday 23 rd May
5S: Friday 21 st November		2G: Friday 5 th June
4R: Friday 28 th November	1M: Friday 6 th March	2H: Friday 19 th June
4N: Friday 5 th December	RD: Friday 13 th March	<u>1W: Thursday 25th June</u>
6H: Friday 9 th January	RS: Friday 20 th March	1M: Friday 3 rd July
6N: Friday 16 th January	5S: Friday 27 th March	
3R: Friday 23 rd January	5J: Friday 17 th April	Both Reception
3S: Friday 30 th January	4N: Friday 24 th April	Classes:
2G: Friday 6 th February	4R: Friday 1 st May	Friday 10 th July
2H: Friday 13 th February	3R: Friday 8 th May	
	3N: Friday 12 th 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 Assembly award winners **Monday 8th and 15th September**. Well done children.



Our PTFA now have an Instagram account. Please check this out for information on key events and how to get involved.