

## Blakehill Primary School

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### Spring Term 2025

#### Spring Term Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings

Thank you to all parents/carers that were able to attend the spring term consultation evenings. I hope that you received useful information about your child in school including key assessment data, your child's effort, attendance and learning behaviours. There are three opportunities during the academic year to share this information with parents: autumn, spring and summer. An annual end of year school report is sent to parents in July.

Today we are supporting Comic Relief through their Red Nose Day Appeal. Red Nose Day is a campaign to raise funds to help end the cycle of poverty and ensure children are safe, healthy and educated. For only 50p per entry we also have a **'guess the number of sweets in the jar'** competition! the winner will win the jar of sweets! The winner will be announced on Monday. Thank you Mr Nicklin for organising this.



#### School Dinners

PLEASE NOTE: The price of a school lunch will increase to £2.45 after Easter.

The daily menu for school lunch can be found at <https://schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk/>



#### School Council

The Bradford City stadium fire occurred during a Football League Third Division match on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 1985 at the Valley Parade stadium in Bradford. Sadly, 56 spectators did not return home from this game and at least 265 were injured. With the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event coming, the school council would like to raise money to support the Bradford Burns Unit. On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May, the school will be having a claret and amber non uniform day and ask for a £1 donation which will go to the burns unit.

#### Upcoming events/ diary dates this term

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

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

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 2 Harlow Carr visit

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
Reception Class Swithens Farm visit

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 5 Immanuel Production Visit

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 6 Immanuel Production Visit

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Cross Country Finals

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Year 5 visit from West Yorkshire Police

1<sup>st</sup> April  
Year 5 and 6 – visit from West Yorkshire Police

4<sup>th</sup> April  
Close for Easter

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
School reopens

Please note that there should be no football on the Key Stage 2 playground before school starts. The children should come into school as soon as the doors open at 8.35am. They will be greeted by their class teacher who will have a learning activity ready. This is to ensure the safety of our families and to provide our children with a calm start to the morning. Any child wanting to burn off some energy in the morning are welcome to attend the wake up shake up sessions.



On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March the PTFA are holding a Mother's Day stall, each gift will cost £2.50. This is a great opportunity to show appreciation and gratitude towards the women care givers for their unwavering love, care, and support.

**PTFA**

The Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) is a group of parents and wider family members who support the school through putting on events for our children, raising much needed funds to provide opportunities, experiences and resources for our school.

Following our recent appeal for more volunteers, we are delighted and overwhelmed by offers from parents, grandparents and friends. If anyone is interested in being a part of this great team, please contact the school office.



**PTFA Events**

- Easter Bonnet Competition £1 entry – deadline 1<sup>st</sup> April – Winner to be announced 4<sup>th</sup> April
- Decorate Hard Boiled Egg Competition £1 entry - Winner to be announced 4<sup>th</sup> April
- 28<sup>th</sup> March** - Mother's Day stall - gifts £2.50
- 4<sup>th</sup> April** - End of term tuck shop sweet sale
- 13<sup>th</sup> June** - Father's Day stall
- 12<sup>th</sup> July** - Summer fair

**Inclusion Games**

As more children with SEN are coming into schools, we have made it our mission to make all children understand that sport is for everyone. There are lots of local sporting events within school, but none aimed at children with disabilities. Blakehill has set up 'Inclusion Games' which invites children with disabilities to take part in sporting events. Blakehill hosted the first event yesterday with children from Blakehill, Low Ash, Thorpe and Westminster Schools attending. This is something we want to grow and include more children from across the Bradford District.

Our school garden and grounds are looking great thanks to Mr Hepton. We love this time of year when spring flowers are blooming. Look out for our gardening club enthusiasts next term bringing colour to our borders.



## Reminders

### School Closures

Easter closure **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**  
Reopens **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

Bank Holiday Monday: **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

### Spring Bank closures:

Closes **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**  
Reopens **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

### Uniform

We take great pride in our appearance, school environment and grounds at Blakehill. We are proud of our school and know that it is held in high regard by the local community.

We implement uniform requirements that ensure pupils are safe, comfortable and look smart to uphold the high expectations that parents and pupils at our school have come to expect. Nail varnish, jewellery and trainers are discouraged. Staff are asked to remind children of these expectations. Thank you for your support.

### 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...



Under 11s football team taking part in local tournaments.



Year 5 enjoying outdoor learning about shadows.



Huge well done to Ivan in Year 3. Ivan and his teammates from Fisical Academy regained their national title at St George's Park this weekend winning the tournament without even conceding a goal. Stars in the making....



Year 1 had a lovely Owl Experience: hands on learning.



## 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!

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. Well done to Austin who was our attendance winner last week.

### 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 2024-25 class assemblies are:**

RS: Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	3N: Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June
5P: Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	2SG: Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June
5J: Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	2H: Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June
4SJ: Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	1W: Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July
4R: Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	1M: Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July
3R: Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Both Reception Classes: Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July

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.

### World Book Day Winners

