

Blakehill Primary School

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Autumn Term 2018

Upcoming events/ diary dates this term

Year 1 Abbey House Museum – Tuesday 20 November

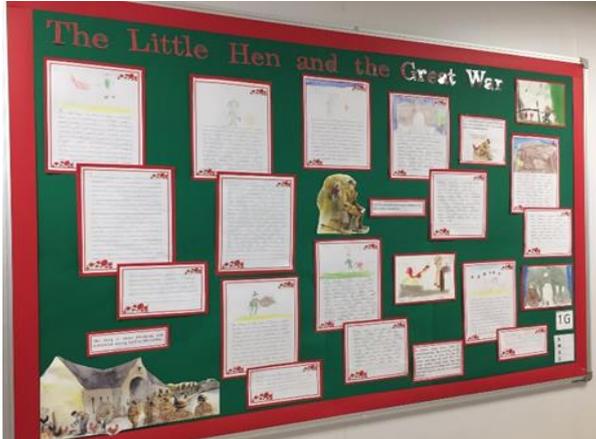
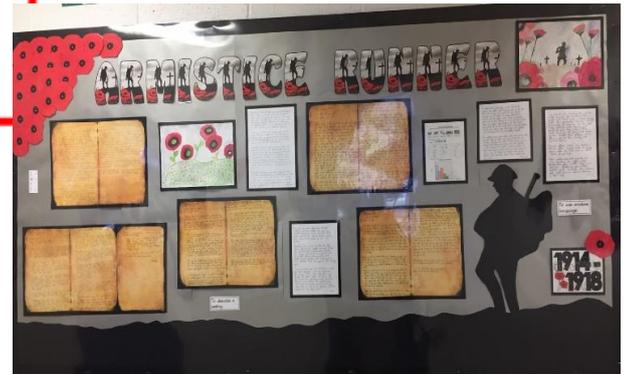
Year 6 Tropical World – Wednesday 21 November

Year 3 Industrial Museum – Thursday 29th November

Please see dates for Christmas events later in this newsletter

Remembrance Day

Well done and thank you to all staff and pupils who have worked hard to mark 100 Years since the Armistice. The displays around school look wonderful and serve as a fitting tribute to all those who served and continue to serve their country.



Christmas Cards

This year school will be offering a very special set of Christmas cards for parents and friends of Blakehill to buy. We wanted to do something specific in memory of Isabelle Ellis this Christmas. Belle created the card design when she was in lower Key Stage 2 and was given to her parents as a Christmas card. The gold ribbon design, created by the whole school will be used to decorate the rear of the card.



Cards will be sold for £3.00 per pack of five and will be available within the next couple of weeks. All proceeds from the sale of the cards will be donated to the family's chosen charity, Candlelighters. We know that this will mean a great deal to all of Isabelle's and school's family and friends.

Pebble Path

More pebbles have been added to the school pebble path this week. Thank you to 6R and the 'Tallants' for their new additions.

Make sure you have one!



Parent / Teacher Consultation Evenings Meetings

Thank you to all parents who attended the parent consultation evenings this week. We hope that you found them both useful and informative.

Listening Ear

At Blakehill, we continue to strive to be a listening school, where the views of our whole school community are taken into account when decisions are made or actions are implemented.

As a school, we are proud of the relationships we have with parents and pupils. This is a real strength of our school.

To demonstrate that we DO listen, we aim to ensure that newsletters will provide you with information of actions that have been taken as a result of your comments/feedback.



In a recent pupil survey pupils in Upper KS2 said that they would like to do more ART and DT activities

Creative Curriculum Carousel

From January 2019, all pupils in KS2 will participate in a range of projects, which will focus on the development: Art, DT, Animation, ICT, British Values and SMSC skills. These will be timetabled every Friday afternoon. Pupils will rotate each half term to ensure that they are receiving additional opportunities to participate in a strong and broad Curriculum.

PTFA Cosy PJ Disco

Well done and thank you to everyone who contributed to the disco last week. The PTFA raised



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Community News

St Cuthbert's Church have organised another Walking Nativity this year. This will take place at 5pm on Saturday 1st December. Blakehill school choir have been asked to start the evening's celebrations by singing a carol after which, the Walking Nativity will walk along Wrose Road, finishing at Wrose Methodist Church at approx. 6pm.



Crossing Patrol Notice

There will be no crossing patrol from Monday 26th November. Mr Drinkwater will be absent for about 6 weeks due to a hospital procedure.

We wish him all the very best.

Attendance



Well done Priya and Skylar who won our 100% attendance award

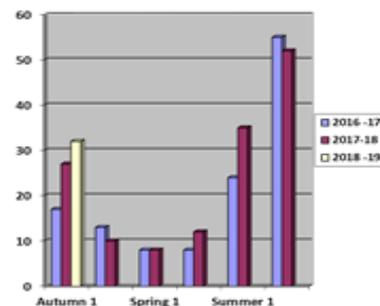
Attendance Review

School senior leaders and Governors are reviewing our current attendance procedures. The aim of this is to both reduce the number of holidays taken in term time and the number of pupils classed as persistent absentees. **We are aware that whilst most parents understand the importance of good attendance, some parents allow their child/ren to take unauthorised holidays/time off school year on year.** Poor attendance impacts school improvement and can affect judgements made on the overall effectiveness of school.

Blakehill has always maintained a fair approach towards attendance. Regretfully, actions may need to be implemented to target families who persistently take advantage of our current procedures...

A table to show the number of pupils taken on holiday each half term from 2016-2018

Year	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
2016-17	17	13	8	8	24	55
2017-18	27	10	8	12	35	52
2018-19	32					



Number of persistent absentees

(Pupils who attend school less than 90% of the time) from September is 44

Is your child one of these?

Whole school attendance to date:

96.6%

Thank you and well done!

Well done to the following children who received celebration certificates in assembly on Monday 5th and 12th November

RD – George Gascoigne and Layla Connolly

RP – Amae Doherty and Ceejay Bebb

1W - Amelia Drinkwater and Henry Haxby

1G - Lily Pearson and Charlotte Grattan

2S - The whole class and Evelyn Ding

2P – Isla Burke and Lily Taylor

3Ro –Jasper Holmes and Annabelle Matthews

3R – Harleen Toor and Charlie Penman

4H – Isabelle Wilks and Leah Sykes

4P – Amber Stoneman and Nicholas Scullion

5J - Marley Miller and Gracie Whitbread

5R – Eli Allen and Priya Jackson

6G – Alex O'Connell and Taylor Gibson

6R – Taylor Blackmore-Ryan and Harley Binns

Class Assemblies

Autumn Term 2018

Class assemblies are on a Friday afternoon at 2:45pm. Parents are welcome to attend their child's class assembly. The dates of all class assemblies for Autumn term are:

23 November: 4P

30 November: 4H

Spring Term

11 January: 1G

18 January: 1W

1 February: RD

8 February: RP

Please note: For child protection and safeguarding reasons, we request that photos and videos should be used for personal use only and not shared on social media without the consent of other parents.

Christmas Diary Dates

Reception Nativity 2018: Wednesday 5th December – 2:00pm and Thursday 6th December -10:00am

Reception and KS1 Christmas Party: Wednesday 12th December

KS1 Christmas Production: Wednesday 5th December – 10:00am and Thursday 6th December – 2:00pm

Year 3/4 Christingle at St Cuthbert's: Tuesday 11th December 2:30pm

Year 3/4 Cinema Trip: CHANGE OF DATE: Friday 14th December

Year 5/6 Christingle at St Cuthbert's: Wednesday 12th December 2:30pm

Year 5/6 Pantomime at the Alhambra: Friday 4th January

PTFA Christmas Fayre: Monday 10th December 3:30pm – 5:00pm

Whole School Christmas Dinner/ Christmas Jumper Day: Monday 17th December

