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### Newsletter 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

May we just take the opportunity to thank all of the children, parents, grandparents and friends of Blakehill who donated cakes/buns or who attended our Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Trust. With your support, we managed to raise a magnificent £1,134.86 for the charity! This 'smashed' last year's total of £816.00. A special mention to parent Niki Williams, and Mrs. Pedley who organised this successful event and to all parents and staff members who helped in the preparation and smooth running of the event. We had some incredible gifts donated for the raffle and were inundated with confectionary. We even had enough buns/cakes left to ensure ALL pupils were able to have something...much to their delight! Thank you all.

#### Year 5 Residential to Ingleborough Hall

On Friday we welcomed back our year 5 pupils who had spent an eventful 5 days residential at Ingleborough Hall. Earlier this week, we received a postcard from a shop in Clapham Village, praising the students on their 'polite and pleasant attitudes' and the adults' 'well organised approach' when they visited the shop. It was a pleasure to take our children to Ingleborough and we hope that they enjoyed it as much as the staff! Thank you to all staff who accompanied them.

#### Parents Teacher Consultation Evenings

**Wednesday 15 November 3.45 p.m. -7.00 p.m. for all classes**

**Thursday 16 November 3.45 p.m. -7.00 p.m. for all classes**

It is that time of year again where parents are given the opportunity to come in to school to meet and speak with their child's class teacher during Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings. Ten minute slots are available for parents to discuss their child's progress, attainment, effort and behaviour. You will also have the chance to look in your child's books and work on display around school.

Appointments can be made via the **Blakehill Website** from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. You will receive your parent log – in details next week.

#### Parent Meetings

Thank you to those parents who attended the Reception parent phonics session last week. We hope you found it informative and useful.

#### Sponsored Obstacle Course

Due to our unpredictable British weather, the sponsored obstacle course event took place over two days this week. All children, and some parents, braved the October rain and tackled the course with success. It was great to see so many parents attend and this made the event even more special, particularly to those children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Please send in your sponsor money as soon as possible. The money will go towards paying for extra learning resources for all the children.

#### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs. Gould who has passed her post graduate degree from Leeds Beckett this week and has achieved the National SENCO Award. We are all very proud of her hard work and achievement!

#### Bradford Food Bank

On Friday 29 September, Keith Thompson from Bradford Food Bank delivered an assembly to the whole school and spoke to the children about difficulties some families or individuals may experience which means they have little money for food. He also talked about the work that the foodbank does and the support it provides to these families.

On behalf of Bradford Food Bank, we would like to extend our thanks to everyone who has already contributed to our Bradford Food Bank Appeal. The last day for contributions of pasta, cereals, canned foods and sugar is **Thursday 19 October**.



## Year 1 Industrial Museum

On Tuesday this week, our Year 1 classes visited the Bradford Industrial Museum as part of their cross curricular history topic linked to the Jowett family and their impact on the local area. The children as always, were a credit to the school. Many thanks to all staff and parents who helped to make the day a memorable and enjoyable one for all of the children.

## PTFA

Our PTFA met last week to discuss ideas for fund raising events for 2017-18. They have compiled a huge list of events that they would like to host including: a car-boot sale, a parent Race Night and a Christmas Fayre. School are really looking forward to working with our PTFA this year and are hoping to raise enough funds to further develop our outdoor provision areas for our pupils to enjoy not only at break and lunchtimes but also throughout the day.

The first PTFA event is on **Tuesday 17 October** and is the Halloween Disco. A letter with additional information will be sent out shortly.

## Diary Dates:

A reminder to parents about pupil individual photos on **Tuesday 10 October**. From 8:00am for pre-school siblings.

Parents of children in Reception classes are invited to visit school on **Wednesday 11 October**. The meeting starts at 6:00pm and will give parents the opportunity to find out more about helping their child at home, the assessment tools that we use in Early Years and an opportunity to talk with staff.

## School Holiday

School will close for half term on **Thursday 19 October at 3:15pm**. This will be a non-uniform day for the staff and children. Considering the events and school trips that parents have contributed to this half term, there will be no charge for non-uniform.

School re-opens on **Monday 30 October at 8:45am**

**We ask that when considering taking family breaks/holidays, term times are taken into consideration.**

## Class Assemblies for Autumn Term

Parents and carers are welcome to attend our class assemblies held on Fridays at 2.45pm in the school hall. Access to school is made via the main entrance. A list of Autumn Term class assemblies:

**6 October: 5R                      13 October: 5L                      3 November: 2S                      10 November: 2P                      24 November: 4L**  
**1 December: 4J**

## Special Mention in Achievement Assemblies

Class	25 September and 2 October 2017
6G	Jimmi Preston and Alfie Carter
6R	Hania Chowdhury and Phoebe Connell
5R	Maaya Khan and the whole class
5L	The whole class
4L	Dudley Brett and Maxwell Flynn
4J	Ella Marsay and Ammarrah Malik-Akram
3R	Leah Sykes and Louis North
3H	Daisy Mae Asquith and Harriet Hildreth
2S	Layla Ward and Lilly Alsop
2P	Olivia Walmsley and Ivy Thornton
1W	Ben Craven and Lola Normington
1P	Hari Singh and Hollie Preston
RD	Coben Cooper and Mia O'Hara
RG	Poppy Davies and Lindiwe Vera

Class Attendance trophy winners 25 September: **RG** with **99.6%**

Class Attendance trophy winners 2 October: **2S** and **5L** with **100%**. **Well done! Both classes receive a £5 voucher!**

Yours sincerely

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Head of School

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Executive Headteacher



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