

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.



**Autumn Term
2019**

Our school newsletters are sent to parents every two weeks to provide information of forthcoming events and keep you up to date with Blakehill 'news'. They are sent via email every other Friday and are also available on our website. Please ensure the office has your email address

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.

Attendance and Punctuality

We are delighted to announce that attendance for 2019-20 was 96.1%. This is in line with national expectations.

Holidays

School holidays will not be authorised during term time unless there are extreme exceptional circumstances. Last year three penalty notices were issued as a result of holidays taken during term time. A list of term dates and holidays for 2019-20 is on our school website. Please refer to this when booking holidays.

Contact Telephone Numbers

Could you please ensure that our office staff are notified if you have changed address 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.

Medication

All medication, including inhalers were returned home 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 also need to check expiry dates on prescribed medication.

Upcoming events/ diary dates this half term

Please note: more details to follow

Year 5 Ingleborough Residential: **Monday 23 September - Friday 27th September**

Year 2 visit to Saltaire: **Monday 23 September**

Phonic Workshop for Reception class parents: **Thursday 26 September 9:00am – 10:00am**

MacMillan Coffee Morning: **Friday 27 September 9:00am - 10:30am**

Year 3 and 4 Movie Night: **Thursday 3rd October**

Year 6 visit to Blackpool Pleasure Beach: **Friday 4th October**

Individual pupil photographs: **Friday 4 October**

School Sponsored Obstacle Course: **Monday 7 October (details to follow)**

Year 1 visit Bradford Industrial Museum: **Tuesday 8th October**

PTFA School Disco: **Tuesday 15 October**

Year 4 residential to Nell Bank: **Monday 21 October - Wednesday 23 October**

Year 6 visit to Tropical World: **Wednesday 23 October**

School Closes: **Thursday 24 October. This will be a non-uniform day**

School Reopens: **Monday 4 November**

School Uniform

What a child wears to school reflects their attitude to learning; it portrays the school's ethos and shared values. At Blakehill, we have a very simple uniform that pupils are encouraged to wear.

White / sky blue polo shirt,

- Black / grey trousers, shirt, dress or shalwar kameez,
- Navy blue sweatshirt, preferably with school logo
- Black shoes –**not trainers**
- **Dark/ white socks/ tights**

Trainers can be worn only for break times and PE but black shoes/pumps worn in school.

PE Kit

Navy blue shorts or black leotard & White T Shirt

Trainers (outdoors)

Black PE pumps (indoors)

Plain Navy blue or black track- suit for outdoor games

Pump bag



Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. This makes it easier when trying to locate lost property.

Staff News

We welcome Mr Sidebottom (6SR), Miss Lancaster (5L), Mrs Timothy (1G) and Miss Armitage (Learning Mentor) to Blakehill. Staff and children are very much looking forward to working with them.

Congratulations to Mrs Russell (Year 6) who had a baby girl in the holidays - a gorgeous addition to the Russell family!

We are also excited to announce that Mrs Roberts (3Ro) is expecting her second child in January. Mrs Roberts will leave at Christmas

We wish them all a happy and successful year!

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent Governor to join our highly effective Governing Body. Parent governors play a vital role on governing bodies, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school, promoting the best interests of all pupils whilst acting as a source of support and challenge for schools' strategic development.

Please contact the school office if interested.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We are looking to appoint a lunchtime supervisor for 5hrs a week to support children at lunchtimes. If you are interested, please contact the school office for further details.

Parking

Could we remind parents to park with consideration when dropping off/ picking children up at the beginning and end of the school day.

We realise that parking availability is not ideal around the school premises but ask that you put our children's safety first.

School have already received a complaint from The Highfield Restaurant and Bar who, whilst currently allow parents to park in some areas of their private car park, are concerned that parents are parking across the entrance areas, making access dangerous. Our local PCSO has been alerted to these concerns. Local residents have also requested that parents are mindful of access to residential driveways.

Thank you



Every Pebble Counts

Please make sure that your child has added a personalised pebble to our pebble path. They make a welcoming entrance to school!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are delighted to announce that yet again, school, will be supporting the Macmillan Cancer Trust by holding a coffee morning at school on Friday 27th September.

This charity is very close to the hearts of many of us and we are proud to say that our Coffee Morning is always well supported by our school community.

Donations of cakes/buns are gratefully received, as are donations for the tombola and raffle, which should be in school by Thursday 26th September at the latest.

We have some wonderful raffle prizes this year and we aim to raise even more money that we did last year.

We would love you to join us for refreshments, a chat and fundraising fun on the morning of the 27th September between 9:00am and 10:30am.

Event organiser, Mrs Pedley (and friends) raising awareness and funds for Macmillan during the Summer.



Raffle stubs, money and unsold tickets to be returned to school by Friday 20th September please

Prizes include:

Porsche driver experience, Tom Cleverley signed football shirt, Ripon Races tickets, wristbands for Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Toby's Tea Room Voucher, Urban Decay makeover, Pamper Hamper, Xit £100 voucher, Lane Ends voucher ...and many, many more!!

It is lovely to see many of our children coming to school on their scooters and bikes. Our Site Manager is on hand every morning to collect these from the KS1 playground and keep them safe until the end of the day.

Can we ask that children do not ride these in the playgrounds before school as there have previously been accidents involving children on their bikes etc. due to the volume of people on the school grounds during the early morning school run. Thank you.

School has received a parent complaint about the use of inappropriate language used in the playground this week. Could we please ask that adults refrain from swearing whilst on the school premises and consider the effect that this has on the children and other adults. Thank you



At Blakehill, we expect our children to enter school in a calm and orderly manner, ready for learning. Teachers are required to meet and greet their classes at the beginning of the school day. Mornings are always very busy times and we ask that teachers try to avoid being caught up in discussions with parents to ensure that this happens smoothly.

Members of our senior leadership team and our school learning mentor are present in the playgrounds before school should parents need to speak with someone. There are also members of staff on the entrance doors should parents wish to pass on messages/information. Alternatively, parents may want to ring the school office if this is more convenient. 01274 414355



Outdoor library

Donations of pre-loved books can be donated to our outdoor library and are always gratefully received. The children love browsing the collection of books and enjoy borrowing and reading new stories.

Our cloakrooms are looking tidy and less chaotic at the start of the new term as a result of school pump bags being used for PE kits instead of rucksacks. Thank you parents - we appreciate your help.



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Weekly House Points

WELL DONE KINGFISHER- HOUSE OF THE WEEK!

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Class Assemblies 2019-20

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

4 th October: 5H/J	20 th March: RJ
11 th October: 5L	27 th March: 3R
8 th November: 4P	24 th April: 3Ro
15 th November: 4H	1 st May: 5J
22 nd November: 3R	15 th May: 5L
29 th November: 3Ro	22 nd May: 1W
10 th January: 6SR	5 th June: 1G
17 th January: 6G	12 th June: 4P
31 st January: 1W	19 th June: 4H
7 th January: 1G	26 th June: 2P
28 th February: 2P	3 rd July: 2S
6 th March: 2S	9 th July: RJ (THURSDAY)
13 th March: RD	10 th July: RD

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

Well done to the following children who achieved an award in our Celebration Assembly on Monday 9th September

- RD - Evalyn Ali
- RJ - Aaniyah Hussain
- 1G - Amae Doherty
- 1W - Matthias Fudge
- 2S - Tilly North
- 2P - Coben Cooper
- 3Ro - Florence Prentice
- 3R - Ryan Elwood
- 4H - Evie Burton
- 4P - Jed Flaherty
- 5L - Liam Simpson
- 5HJ - Holly Roper
- 6G - Ethan Kettlewell
- 6SR - Kallum Waite

ALDI's KIT for SCHOOLS

We are collecting Aldi Team GB stickers. Please send all stickers into school to help us win sports kits for school.

