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## Newsletter 9

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Congratulations

All staff, governors and children at Blakehill would like to congratulate Miss Dickinson (RD) on the birth of her first child, William who was born on Wednesday 24 January. Miss Dickinson and William are doing well and we are very much looking forward to seeing them both soon. Thank you to everyone who has sent their best wishes.

### Telegraph and Argus Award

Last term, school nominated Mrs. Anne Marie Williams from our PTFA for the T & A Volunteer award to acknowledge and thank her for 'making a difference' and for organising events which have raised thousands of pounds for school over the years. Anny has been a member of the PTFA for the last ten years and 2018 is her final year as her youngest child leaves Blakehill in the Summer for secondary school. Staff felt that a nomination would be the perfect way of rewarding her dedication, drive and passion for our school.

We were recently notified that Anne Marie had been shortlisted and has been invited to the T & A Awards Ceremony on **Thursday 15 March**. This date coincides with one of our parent/teacher consultation evenings. Staff representatives are keen to support Anne Marie on the evening. Therefore, there is a change of date to the consultation evening on that day. We are hoping that in providing prior notice, parents are able to make any necessary amendments to any arrangements made. Thank you.

The parent/ teacher consultation evening arranged for **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March** will now take place on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**.

### Young Voices

What a fabulous time our Young Voices Choir had at Sheffield Arena on **Wednesday 17 January**. Blakehill were part of the 5,000+ strong primary school choir that lifted the roof of the arena with songs from a range of genres. Special thanks to Mrs. Bedell and Mrs. Marsden who run the choir and organise the event. Thank you also to Mrs. Hancock who ensures that the organisation of the event runs as smoothly as possible and Mr Lowe, Mrs Russell and all of the parents who were able to attend, accompany and support the children.

### Blakehill Super Troopers

Good luck to our school dance team who are competing in a dance tournament at Buttershaw Business and Enterprise Centre tomorrow. Under the careful choreography and watchful eye of team coaches, Mrs Pedley and Mrs Horrocks, we are hoping that their routine will 'wow' the judges. We hope that all of your hard work pays off Team Blakehill!

### BCFC Penalty Shoot Out Assembly

In assembly today, Bradford City FC visited to launch their annual penalty shoot- out sponsored event. The school supports this event every year and it is an opportunity for the school and club to raise money which is divided between school fund and Bradford City in the Community. Parents will shortly receive a letter and a sponsor form providing more details. The date for the Penalty Shoot Out is **Wednesday 21 February**. Children should come to school in their uniform on that day.



## E Safety Workshops

During the week commencing 5 February 2018, all pupils at Blakehill will be learning about how to be safe online as part of our annual E Safety Week. Assemblies, class activities and workshops will provide the children with information on all aspects of E safety and help them be aware of some of the potential risks and what to do if they feel unsafe online.

In addition to this newsletter, West Yorkshire Police have provided information on the content of the workshops that a community PCSO will present to children in years 3-6 as part of the work on E safety. There is also an opportunity for parents to attend a meeting aimed at increasing parent awareness and giving advice on a range of safeguarding topics. All parents and friends of Blakehill are welcome to attend. The meeting will be held in the school hall on **Wednesday 7 February at 6:00pm** and will include content on:

- Online bullying
- Online gaming
- Social media and safeguarding

## New Governor

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Ian Parsons to our school Governing Body. In addition to being a grandparent to six children at Blakehill, Mr. Parsons has a lot of experience in the education sector, especially in school governance. We are very much looking forward to working with Ian and know that he will make a positive contribution to the governance of Blakehill.

## Winter Snow Advice

Due to adverse weather conditions on Wednesday last week, school had a 10:00am start to allow all staff to arrive at school safely. Thank you to all parents for their support and consideration on the day. Thank you also to Samm Blackmore, our school site manager who works hard to ensure pathways and playgrounds and the car park are cleared and gritted in time for the start of the day.

The decision to close or open during adverse weather conditions is never taken lightly and it depends on the severity of the snowfall and the immediate forecast. Every effort to stay open is made and we will close school only on health and safety grounds if we do not have enough staff able to get into work. It remains at parents' discretion if they deem it safe to bring their children. We are sympathetic to parents if they bring children to school after registration or if they wish to pick up early.

If we do decide to close school we will inform parents as soon as possible through the school website, ParentMail, Bradford schools online website and local radio.

It is imperative therefore, that we have up to date contact details and that you accept the changes on ParentMail within 7 days of the change.

## Diary Dates

### **Parent Consultation Evenings – Spring Term**

**Tuesday 13 March: 3:45pm – 7:00pm**

**Wednesday 14 March: 3:45pm – 7:00pm CHANGE OF DATE**

*Parents will be able to sign up for an appointment to see their child's class teacher after the half term break by logging on to the school website.*

Dance Club - Bradford Junior Dance Challenge – **Saturday 27 January**

Year 2 - Chocolate Factory in York – **Thursday 1 February**

Year 3 – Bradford Cathedral – **Thursday 1 February**

E safety Parent Workshop **Wednesday 7 February at 6:00pm**

Year 4 – Positive Lifestyle at BCFC – **Thursday 8 February**

Year 6 – Danelaw – **Friday 9 February**

*Please also see the calendar on the school website for upcoming events and dates*



## **Class Assemblies for Spring Term 2018**

Parents are welcome to attend our class assemblies held on Fridays at 2.45pm. **Please note: For child protection reasons we request that photos and videos should be used for personal use only and not shared on social media. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.'**

2 February: RD

9 February: RG

23 February: 6R

2 March: 6G

9 March: 3R

16 March: 3H

23 March: 5R

## **Special Mention in Achievement Assemblies**

<b>Class</b>	<b>15 January and 22 January 2018</b>
6G	Jacob Harris and Joe McCrory
6R	Ben Noble and Sara Alhameli
5R	The whole class and Elijah Holmes
5L	The whole class and Ben Thorpe
4J	Reshay Conway-Desmier and Lily Carr
4L	Ethan Kettlewell and Theo Davids
3R	Kaiden Bentley and James Dores
3H	Amber Stoneman and Alex Szabo
2S	Harleen Toor and Grace McCrory
2P	Oscar Ellis and Alishia Wood
1W	Orla Richardson, Tyler Chadwick and the whole class
1P	The whole class and Josephine Dewhirst
RG	Henry Matthews and Ollie Carrington
RD	Aman Sandu-Hussain and Jude Rushton

Class Attendance trophy winners: 16 January: 1P with 99%  
22 January: 3R with 98.2%

School closes on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February for half term and reopens on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> is a non-uniform day - there will be a £1 'fine' on this day.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

L. Keighley  
Head of School

