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### Newsletter 7

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the final newsletter before the Christmas holidays in what has proved to be a busy half term for us all. As you may be aware, there are many events occurring during the last week of the term. Please see information on the school website and blog for additional updates and photos.

#### Christmas Productions

Many thanks to our wonderful children for their excellent Christmas productions this year. Children in both Reception classes sang their way through their Nativity story – 'A King Is Born' this week and children in Years 1 and 2 provided festive entertainment in the form of their production 'Hey Ewe!'. All productions were very well attended by parents and relatives. Thank you to our teachers and support staff for all of their hard work too!

#### Cinema Visits

Each year, Years 3 – 6 visit the Odeon Cinema to watch a festive movie together as part of their Christmas celebrations. This year the dates for the cinema trips are:

Year 5 and 6 Cinema Trip – **Friday 8 December**

Year 3 and 4 Cinema Trip – **Wednesday 13 December**

#### KS2 Christingle Services

Next week, Years 3 – 6 will visit St Cuthbert's Church in Wrose to perform a collection of Christmas Carols and Nativity Readings. Children are expected to arrive at the Church for 2pm. The service itself begins at 2:30pm. Parents and other family members are more than welcome to join us. Dates and times are below.

**Year 3 and 4 Christingle Service** at St Cuthbert's Church, Wrose: **Tuesday 12 December at 2:30pm** (parents welcome)

**Year 5 and 6 Christingle Service** – St Cuthbert's Church, Wrose: **Wednesday 13 December at 2:30pm** (parents welcome)

#### Christmas Cards

Class lists (first names only) are available on request from your child's class teacher should you need one to help when writing Christmas cards

#### Secret Santa Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported our Secret Santa Appeal which provides gifts at Christmas for children in our locality less fortunate than ourselves. We have had another great response again this year. Can we ask that all donations be sent into school for the morning of Monday 11 December as the gifts will be collected later that day by our Chair of Governors. Mr. Cavalier - Lumley has asked that we pass on his thanks.

#### School Choir

Our school choir have been entertaining audiences at the Graduation Ceremonies at Bradford University this week. As always, their efforts were highly praised by members of the public and employees of the University. A special thank you to Mrs. Marsden and Mrs. Bedell who work with the choir to ensure that all pupils are pitch perfect and organise performance events. In the new year, the choir will be working hard to audition for the BBC 'Songs of Praise' Young Choir of the year. Good luck everyone!



## **PTFA**

A huge thank you to our dedicated team of parents, staff and friends who are members of Blakehill PTFA. During the last term, monies raised through PTFA events have contributed towards new playground markings and the costumes for the Christmas productions. Thank you once again PTFA!

## **PTFA Christmas Fayre**

We urgently need donations for the Christmas Fayre on Monday 11 December. We are looking for buns and cakes, all things chocolatey and any unopened bottles. Thank you.

## **School Fund**

This year, our school fund has helped to buy a book for every child in school which is theirs to keep and share at home. *Merry Christmas!*

## **Extra-Curricular Activities.**

School provides numerous clubs where children can access a range of activities. Most of these clubs are free of charge and many are run by staff in school either before/after school or during lunchtimes. An overview of the clubs for Autumn term is attached to this newsletter. Watch out for new list of activities which will be available in the New Year.

## **Punctuality and Attendance**

Despite the coughs and colds of the last half term, attendance % is above national average for Autumn 2 and exceeded school's figures for this time last year. Overall attendance this half term to date is 96%. Well done and thank you.

## **Uniform**

A reminder that only school shoes or school pumps should be worn in school. Some children have been coming to school in trainers and do not have appropriate footwear to change into. In these cases, school pumps are provided. Uniform guidance is provided in the school prospectus on our website. Advice/support with any uniform queries can be provided by Mrs. Corbridge (Learning Mentor).

## **Winter Snow Advice**

With winter fast approaching, the prospect of snow raises the question will school be closed?  
The decision to close or open during challenging 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 and we are sympathetic to parents if they bring them to school after registration. 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.

## **Additional Diary Date reminders:**

**Monday 11 December:** Christmas jumper/non uniform Day (no charge)  
Christmas Dinner  
PTFA Christmas Fayre – **3:30pm -5:00pm**  
Collection for Secret Santa Appeal

**Tuesday 12 December:** Reception and KS1 Party

**Friday 15 December** – School closes. **School uniform should be worn on this day.**

## **School Meals**

From 1 January 2018, the price of a school meal will be £1.70

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

Parents are welcome to attend our class assemblies held on Fridays at 2.45pm

**12 January:1P**

**19 January:1W**

**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

Class	27 November and 4 December 2017
6G	Mia Allen and Imogen Everard
6R	Antony Flaherty and Zain Peltier
5R	James Wright and Caelan Batty
5L	Daniel Coe and Alfie Hodgson
4L	The whole class and Dudley Brett
4J	Jake Gabutt, Amy Carling and the Whole class
3R	Callum Normington and Jayden Walters
3H	Freya McConnaughie and Nicholas Scullion
2S	Harrison Keep and Sachleen Kaur
2P	Jasper Holmes and Mia Armitage
1W	Julia Kaminska-Kodzic and Kai-James Burgan
1P	Isla Burke and Ben Lucas
RG	Pola Malinowska and Sophie Yelland-Roberson
RD	Isla Johnson and Kiani Roberts-Moses

Class Attendance trophy winners 27 November 5L with 99%

Class Attendance trophy winners 4 December: RD with 100 %

### Special note

On behalf of everyone at Blakehill we would like to extend our very best wishes to the Ellis family. Isabelle had an operation on Monday this week and will continue further treatment in the New Year. We are thinking of you all. Much love Isabelle.

### **...and finally for 2017**

*Thank you to all our staff and many volunteers for all their hard work, dedication, and commitment to Blakehill. We would also like to mention how much we all appreciate the support that parents and carers have given us in all areas of school life. We would especially like to thank all the children for their hard work, excellent attitudes to learning and their friendly and caring nature throughout the year. We hope you all enjoy a Happy Christmas!*

**Term ends on Friday 15 December at 3.15 p.m. and re-opens at 8.45 a.m. on Thursday 4 January 2018**

Merry Christmas!

T. Patterson  
Headteacher

L. Keighley  
Head of School

