

Blakehill Primary School

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Spring Term 2019

Welcome Back

I would just like to take this opportunity to welcome back all of our families after the recent break.

Wear a Hat to School Day

Our school council have decided to hold a 'Wear a Hat to School Day' in support of Brain Tumour Research on Friday 29th March. This will be instead of Red Nose/ Comic Relief Day. More details to follow!



Thank you to all parents who attended the KS1 SAT and Phonics Evening on Thursday. We hope you found it both informative and useful.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Thursday 7th March World Book Day – dress as your favourite book character

Thursday 7th March Reception and KS1 Bedtime Story

Tuesday 12th March Year 2 to Madni Mosque

Tuesday 12th March PTFA Disco 5:00-6:00pm KS1 and 6:15 – 7:15pm KS2

Friday 22nd March class photographs

Friday 29th March PTFA Mothers' Day stall

Wednesday 3rd April Year 3 pedestrian training

8th to 10th April Year 4 residential to Nell Bank

Lunchtime Supervisor Position

We have a vacancy for the above please contact the office if you would like to apply.

Parent and Teacher Consultation Evening Reminder

Tuesday 19th March 3.45 p.m. -7.00 p.m.

Thursday 21st March 3.45 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

Please make sure that you have made an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher later this month. **Appointments can be made via your online eschools account. Please contact the school office should you require help with this.**

Mid-Term Reviews

On Friday 8th March, mid-term review reports will be sent out to all parents. This report provides you with information on your child's current attainment, their behaviour, attendance, effort and attitude in school at this point in the school year. You will be able to discuss this at the parent consultation evening with your child's class teacher should you wish to do so.

For those children wishing to come to school on their scooters and bikes, Ms Blackmore our site manager will be available at the Year 2 entrance in the KS1 playground from 8:40am to provide a place where bikes and scooters can be stored. These can be collected at the end of the day from the same entrance.

Can we please ask that children do not ride bikes and scooters on the school grounds as this can cause a hazard to parents with younger children and pushchairs. Thank you.

E Safety

Due to the recent online MOMO challenge circling the internet, Mrs Rashid spoke to pupils in KS2, in assembly on Wednesday this week to alert our children of what they should do if they see or hear something online that makes them feel uncomfortable. We try to raise as much awareness as possible of the risks of online interaction without trying to 'scare' children.

Mrs Roberts, Mr Hodges and our school bloggers will continue to provide parents information via a termly E-safety newsletter.

If any parents would like further information on how to help their child stay safe online, please contact school where we would be more than happy to help.



E-safety posters designed by Blakehill pupils 2019

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Thank you to all parents who responded to the parent view questionnaire during our recent one-day Inspection. Your unreserved appreciation and praise for all that we do at Blakehill to make sure that our children receive a high standard of education was overwhelmingly positive.

We are delighted to be able to share with you, the outcome of the section 8 short Inspection. This is attached to this newsletter and is published on our school website. The purpose of a short inspection is to determine whether the school continues to provide a good standard of education and whether safeguarding is effective.

There are four possible outcomes for a short inspection:

Outcome 1 – the school continues to be a **good** school or

Outcome 2 – the school **remains good** and there is sufficient evidence of improved performance to suggest that the school may be judged **outstanding** if it received a section 5 inspection now.

Outcome 3 – the lead inspector is not satisfied that the school would receive at least its current grade if a section 5 inspection were carried out now or

Outcome 4 – the lead inspector has gathered evidence that suggests the school may be **inadequate** in one or more of the graded judgements under section 5 inspections; there are serious concerns about safeguarding, pupils' behaviour or the quality of education; there are concerns that the performance of an outstanding non-exempt school could be declining to **'requires improvement'**.

*The inspector, Karine Hendley concluded that she had gathered enough evidence to suggest that if Blakehill received a section 5 Inspection, it may be judged **outstanding (outcome 2)**.*

This is an excellent result on the back of the hard work and perseverance by our whole school community. Well done Blakehill!

Attendance

Current whole
school attendance
is 96.5%

We are winning!!

10.3% of our school population were identified as having less than 90% attendance this time last year. Our current persistent absentee proportion is 6.5% - well below national! Well done everyone and thank you for your support!

Well done to the following children who received celebration certificates in assembly on Monday 11th and 25th February

- RP** - Layla-Rose O'Hara & Jacob Pepper
- RD** - Tyler Boyes & Jamie Varley
- 1W** - Isabella Thompson & Dilan Bath
- 1G** - Ollie Carrington & Kayden Gibson-Gilpin
- 2P** - Hollie Preston & Taylor Beaumont
- 2S** - The whole class & Mikey Smithies
- 3R** - Ameal Kinndy & Abigail Fenton-Brown
- 3Ro** - Evie Burton & Kaiden Bentley
- 4H** - Mia Holmes & Dexter Owen
- 4P** - Oliver Noble & Ollie Turner
- 5J** - Lucas Shaw, Ellie Sherriff and Cleo Henderson-North
- 5R** - Ehizojie Iyoha Imadojemu & Hollie-Mae Cordingley
- 6R** - Casey Smith and Lucas Foord
- 6G** - Lois Watson and Rees Bickerdyke



Well done to Josephine, Maya and Shannon who all achieved the 100% attendance award

Class Assemblies

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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 Spring term are:

1 March: 6R	5 April: 5J
8 March: 6G	3 May: 4P
15 March: 3R	10 May: 4H
22 March: 3Ro	17 May: 1W
29 March: 5R	24 May: 1G

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.