

## Blakehill Primary School

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**Welcome back!**

### News from last half term

#### PTFA DISCO

Thank you to everyone who attended the school discos before the half term break. Both KS1 and KS2 discos were very well attended and the Easter Egg raffle was very popular. Our PTFA managed to raise £670 for school funds from the event.

#### Easter Bonnet/ Wear a Hat to School Day

What a fabulous effort everyone made to support the school's Easter bonnet / wear a hat to school day to raise awareness of Brain Tumour research. Well done Blakehill, we raised £740!



Congratulations also to **Flo Hepton (2P)** and **Carter Briggs (1P)** who won the hat competition and **Elijah Holmes (5R)** who won the 'name the bunny' competition.

#### Birthday Celebrations

HRH Queen Elizabeth (Millie Bather 6G), made an impromptu visit to 1P last Friday to help the children celebrate her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday



### Upcoming Events/ Diary Dates

#### SPORTS DAYS

Our annual sport's days are looming. Weather permitting these will be held on the following dates:

**Reception and KS1 -  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June (pm)**

**Year 3 and 4 – Wednesday  
6<sup>th</sup> June (pm)**

**Year 5 and 6 – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>  
June (pm)**

More details to follow. All welcome!

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Friday  
18<sup>th</sup> May** Year 6 SATS Week

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Class  
3H** Leeds Discovery  
Museum

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Class 3R**  
Leeds Discovery Museum

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – 1P**  
Rodley Nature Reserve

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June – 1W**  
Rodley Nature Reserve

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June –  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Year 6**  
Robinwood



# Parent Survey Feedback

Excellent school.  
Amazing staff

Fantastic school! All three of my children have come to this school and have all done really well. I'm very pleased.

The outcomes from our recent parent questionnaires are attached to this newsletter. Thank you to those parents who took the time to complete the survey and leave written feedback. All feedback is shared with staff and school Governors and is invaluable in helping the school strive for excellence.

Very happy with the school and teachers. My daughter has come on loads this year and this is thanks to the good teaching of the staff!

Some of the comments are listed here:

Excellent extra opportunities

A lovely school. My child is doing really well and has come on so much this year.

My son LOVES coming to school and is making excellent progress. Thank you.

Mid-year progress tracker is really helpful and easy to understand

## Homework

As you can see from the survey, there were many differences in opinion about too much/too little and the types of homework children and parents prefer. Homework projects are optional and provide pupils with additional ways of expressing their understanding of the topic they are studying.

I do not like homework other than reading and spellings. No projects please!

Homework – reading and spellings is enough.

## Extra-curricular clubs

Please check our school website for current extra-curricular clubs. On average, we usually have about 16 clubs running during any one term. Ideas for additional after/lunchtime activities is on the agenda for our school council who are meeting next Tuesday morning. We will let you know the outcome of this.

More after school clubs for KS2

After school clubs with lessons to forward their learning



## Miss Lea's Thursday Gardening Club

## School Uniform

A reminder please that school uniform should be worn at all times whilst your child is at school. This includes black shoes. As the warmer weather approaches (fingers crossed) children may wish to wear black shorts and summer dresses.

Blakehill hair clips and bobbles with the school name and logo are now available from the school office at a cost of £2:00.

## Polling Day

The Extra Club building is being used as a Polling Station again this year. Extra Club will be held in the school hall. Children going to Extra Club on that day can gain access via the entrance opposite the school office on Highfield Road. Thank you

# School Online Login

Please contact the school office if you have any problems logging in/using our online parent systems. Thank you.



## Bank Holiday

Just a quick reminder that school will be closed on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May for the Bank Holiday. School will re-open on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

## Attendance

Attendance % for last term was above national percentages! Thank you and well done. Last year, the number of families taking holidays in term time had a significant impact on our school's attendance figures and we are pleased to see a decrease in holiday requests this year.

All pupils who achieved 100% attendance for the whole of Spring Term will receive a certificate in our Celebration Assemblies on Monday.

Well done to Madinah Abbas (5R) and Elliot Johnson (6G) for winning the weekly 100% attendance prize. Keep up the hard work Blakehill.....it could be you!



**Class Attendance winners: 3H with 100% and 2P with 99.7%**

## Celebration Assembly

Well done to the following children who received celebration certificates in assembly on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**RD** Lily-Mae Whettlock and Robyn Scullion

**RG** Arthur Pitts and Amber Hague

**1W** Ellie Lockwood and Tegan Dawson

**1P** Spencer Armstrong and Ben Lucas

**2S** Charlie Penman and Scarlett Lovett

**2P** Evie Burton and George Kinch

**3H** Holly Roper and Zach Ali

**3R** Mia Holmes and Aleena Hussain

**4J** Jessica Moreland and Dempsey Hutchinson

**4L** Oliver Butterfield and Jacob Holmes

**5R** Libby Davidson and Amber Charlesworth

**5L** Jack Peacock

**6R** Hayden Pringle and Lucy O'Connor

**6G** Jayven Momi and Jake Armitage



## 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 and safeguarding reasons we request that photos and videos should be used for personal use only and not shared on social media. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**27 April: 4L**

**4 May: 4J**

**11 May: 1P**

**18 May: 1W**

**25 May: 3R**

**8 June: 3H**

**22 June: 2S**

**29 June: 2P**

**6 July: RD**

**13 July: RG**

*Kind Regards,*

*Mr. T Patterson (Executive Headteacher)*

*Mrs. L. Keighley (Head of School)*