

Blakehill Primary School

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Spring Term 2019

Parent and Teacher Consultation Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended our Spring Term Parent and Teacher Consultation evenings last week. As always, these were very well attended and provide an opportunity for parents to discuss their child's progress, attainment, attitudes to school and classroom behaviours with the class teacher.

Schools are required to provide at least one opportunity per year for parents to discuss their child's progress with a teacher.

At Blakehill, we always provide **two** consultations per year (Autumn and Spring terms) as we acknowledge how valuable these are to parents. In addition to these face-to-face meetings, parents receive pupil **mid-term reports** and an annual **end of year report** in which a more detailed and holistic account of your child in school is provided.

At any time throughout the year, we encourage parents to make an appointment with their child's class teacher if they require further information or have any concerns.

The outcome of the 253 parent questionnaires received is attached to this newsletter. The responses reflect the high regard that parents continue to have of our school. Thank you.

Pupil View

My class work is
challenging

87%
of pupils agreed

Parent View

Parents Evening was
useful and
informative.

100%
of parents agree.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Friday 29th March PTFA Mothers' Day stall

Wednesday 3rd April Year 3 pedestrian training

Monday 8th - Wednesday 10th April Year 4 residential to Nell Bank

Friday 12th April: Wear a Hat to School Day in support of Brain Tumour Research

Friday 12th April: School closes

Monday 29th April: School reopens

Tuesday 30th April Year 1 Skipton Castle

Thursday 2nd May Local Elections – Extra Club in school hall

Monday 6th May Bank Holiday school closed

Good Luck Miss Gardner


Miss Gardner will be leaving us at the end of this term to start her maternity leave. On behalf of the whole school community we would like to wish her and her partner Joe all the very best. Parents in 1G have been informed that Mrs Morton, an experienced KS1 teacher who has worked on supply at Blakehill will be teaching 1G until the end of the Summer term.

Miss Gardner will return to school in January.



	Prompt	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
1.	I believe my child is happy at Blakehill	171 68%	79 30%	2 1%		1 1%
2.	I believe my child is safe at Blakehill	191 75%	60 24%			2 1%
3.	I believe my child makes good progress at Blakehill	159 63%	91 36%	3 1%		
4.	I receive valuable information about my child's progress at Blakehill	139 54%	110 44%	3 1%	2 1%	
5.	My child is well looked after at Blakehill	181 71%	71 28%	2 1%		
6.	My child is taught well at Blakehill	183 72%	69 27%	1 1%		
7.	Blakehill is well led and managed	188 74%	64 25%			1 1%
8.	Blakehill makes sure its pupils are well behaved	141 56%	103 41%	2 1%		4 2%
9.	Blakehill responds well to any concerns I have raised	149 59%	84 34%	4 2%		13 5%
10.	I would recommend Blakehill to another parent	197 78%	55 19%	2 1%		4 2%
11.	My child receives homework	Too much 8 3%	Just right 188 74%	None 16 6%	Too little 31 12%	1 1%
12.	Does your child have learning difficulties and receive support under the school's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision?	YES 13 5%		NO 230 91%		2 1%
13.	Have you during this academic year made a complaint in relation to bullying?	YES 26 10%		NO 222 88%		
14.	Did the school deal effectively with your complaint? (of those who made a complaint)	23 9%		2 1%		
14.	How do you prefer to be kept informed about school activities?	Email 184 73%	Website 31 13%	Newsletter 107 42%	Text 176 69%	Social media 26 10%

The additional comments left by parents are shared with staff and school Governors and, where appropriate, actions are taken to help us to continue to develop effective partnerships between home and school and provide the very best education for our pupils. We will keep you updated in future newsletters!



Good luck to year 6 who will be sitting their final mock SATs next week

Learn to Rock

What a fabulous afternoon we had yesterday watching children from across school perform their drumming skills to an audience of parents, pupils, governors and staff. School have been working with Learn to Rock , an independent music and performing arts company based in Yorkshire, who have provide specialist teaching programmes for children.

This project is funded by school to further enrich our music and arts curriculum. We are looking forward to continuing our work with the Learn to Rock team next term.

Mothers' Day Stall
 We hope that all of you mums enjoy a wonderful Mother's Day this Sunday. Thank you to our PTFA who organised gifts for the children to buy for this occasion.



Science Week 24th June 2019

"That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." Neil Armstrong

We will be launching this year's Science week with a visit to an indoor planetarium where children can experience what it would be like in space, walking amongst the stars. Make sure to bring your spacesuits!



Legally Blonde

Children in years 5 and 6 classes visited Immanuel College on Wednesday and Thursday this week to watch their performance of Legally Blonde. They had a great afternoon and despite the long walk to and from Immanuel, they thoroughly enjoyed the production. Thank you to staff from both schools for organising the event.

Football Crazy

Well done to our super sporty 3/4 and 5/6 football teams who participated in the Bradford East One football championships this week. After competing in the qualifying rounds on home turf on Tuesday, Blakehill qualified in 1st and 2nd place for the finals, which took place at Woodhouse Grove today. Both teams played really well this morning and although there were no trophies for the teams this time there were lots of smiling faces!

On another note however, Mollie was awarded with female player of the tournament (for the third year in a row) and Noah was awarded a medal for outstanding performance for an amazing goal against Thackley Primary school.

BCFC Penalty Shoot Out.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored their child in this year's penalty shoot-out. You raised £1603.25 for school! Brilliant!

Well done to Freddie (RD) who raised £88 and received the signed football, presented in today's assembly.

Easter Egg Appeal

Many thanks to everyone that has donated an Easter Egg for our Easter Egg Appeal. The eggs are being collected on Friday 5th April so there is still plenty of time if you



Attendance

Holiday requests are down by 25% compared to this time last year!

Thank you



Well done to Thomas and Archie for achieving the 100% attendance award




Current whole school attendance is 96%

High Attenders

Well done to 4H and 2P for achieving the highest attendance percentage for the last two weeks. Each class receives a £5 voucher to spend on whatever they wish - remember, percentages make prizes!!

Well done to the following children who received celebration certificates in assembly on Monday 18th and 25th March

- RP - Ruby Georgas and Mia Thorpe
- RD - Sienna Holmes and Alfie Hall
- 1W - Dolcie Toft and Polly Crabtree
- 1G - Charlotte Grattan and Charlie Edginton
- 2P - Charlie Walker and Ella Rendell
- 2S - Oscar Williams and Tegan Dawson
- 3R - The whole class and Blake Banks
- 3Ro - Zac Money and the whole class
- 4H - Mason Wilson and Phoebe Newberry
- 4P - Lewis Ward and Grace Salfarlie
- 5J - Ollie Simmons and Duggie Abdallah
- 5R - Luke Fenton Brown and Sophie Bellerby
- 6R - Libby Davidson and James Wright
- 6G - Libby Graves and Alfie Hodgson

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:

5 April: 5J	14 June 3Ro
3 May: 4P	21 June: 2S
10 May: 4H	28 June: 2P
17 May: 1W	4 July: RD
24 May: 1G	12 July: RP
7 June: 3R	

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.

Mr Rhodes will arrange an alternate time for his class assembly after the Easter break to allow parents to make the necessary arrangements.