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Newsletter 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parents Teacher Consultation Evenings

Dates for Autumn Term Consultation Evenings are:

Wednesday 15 November 3:45pm – 7:00pm

Thursday 16 November 3:45pm – 7:00pm

Please make sure that you have made an appointment to see your class teacher. For further information, please contact the school office.

Art Week

Last week, the hall was transformed into 'Blakehill Art Gallery' to showcase and celebrate the art work the children at Blakehill produced during Art Week. Work created by famous artists such as: Van Gogh, Banksy and David Hockney were replicated by the children and displayed for parents and friends of the school to view. It was great to see so many families attend the event and acknowledge their children's efforts. A special thank you to Miss Dickinson for organising the event. Photos can be viewed on the school blog and also on the school website in the Curriculum/ classes areas.

PTFA

Our PTFA are organising a Christmas Fayre this year. The Fayre will be held immediately after school on Monday 11 December in the school hall. There will be opportunities to buy gifts and festive treats and spread a little Christmas spirit. Keep a look out for more information from the PTFA in the next couple of weeks.

Wedding Singers

Our school choir were invited to sing at the wedding of our Vice Chair of Governors, Ms Barbara Naylor and her partner last week. The choir had been practising every lunchtime to ensure that they were pitch perfect and it was an absolute pleasure to hear them perform at the church. Guests attending the wedding were eager to tell us just how wonderful the children were. Thank you to Mrs Marsden and Mrs Bedell for running choir, preparing the children and organising their part in Ms Naylor's special day. A video of our choir performing at the wedding can be viewed on the school blog or on the school website under Curriculum - Music.

Attendance

Pupil attendance percentages for the last two weeks have been **above** national averages (96%). Thank you to all parents who make sure their child attends school as regularly as possible.

Staff News

We are delighted to announce that Miss Dickinson (RD) is expecting her first baby in January. Miss Palframan, who teaches primarily in Year 3 and 4 and also in other classes across school will teach Miss Dickinson's class whilst she is on maternity leave. We hope that you will join us in congratulating Miss Dickinson on this wonderful news.

Year 6 Parent Meeting

Thank you to all parents and pupil that attended the Year 6 Parent meeting on Thursday 2 November. The meeting was very well supported by parents and information about SATs, revision guides and secondary school transition was provided.

Parking

Parking outside of the school perimeter has improved greatly and we would like to thank parents for demonstrating care and consideration in relation to our pupils' safety.

Yesterday, school received an email from staff at The Highfield asking that parents could be alerted to the following notification:



'Parking is not permitted in any circumstances outside the restaurant, leisure club or hotel. Parents/guardians may only park in the spaces before the public bar, main entrance and ramp.'

Children in Need

The School Council have organised a non-uniform event on Friday 17 November in aid of Children in Need. The penalty for non-uniform is £1. There will also be an opportunity for the children to win a Pudsey bear. Raffle tickets for this will be available on the day for 50p. Parents should have already received letters with additional information.

Christmas Diary Dates

Christmas dinner for the whole school will be on **Monday 11 December**. Pupils are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers/clothes for the day.

PTFA Christmas Fayre: **Monday 11 December** 3:30pm – 5:00pm

Reception Nativity: Wednesday 6 December at 10.00am and Thursday 8 December at 2.00pm

Years 1 and 2 Nativity: Wednesday 6 December at 2.00pm, Thursday 7 December at 10.00am

Reception and Key Stage 1 Party: Tuesday 12 December (pm)

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

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

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

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

Class Assemblies for Autumn and Spring Term

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

10 November:2P

24 November: 4L

1 December: 4J

12 January:1P

19 January:1W

2 February: RD

9 February: RG

23 February:6R

2 March:6G

Special Mention in Achievement Assemblies

Class	30 October and 7 November 2017
6G	Holly Higgins and Jacob Harris
6R	Roan Barrett-Shaw and Calum Lockwood
5R	Jensen Sellyei and Jay Brown
5L	Jing Chen and Taylor Gibson and Alex O'Connell
4L	Isabel Watson and Cadey Gosley
4J	Marley Miller and Ellis Moore
3R	Eleanor Williams and Cayden Lister
3H	Grace Salfarlie and Oliver Noble
2S	Abigail Fenton-Brown and the Whole class
2P	Oliver White and Theo Trotter
1W	Florence Prentice and Kobe Banks
1P	Lillie-Mae McHugh and Sophie Storey
RG	Ted Thornton and Cole Doherty
RD	Archie Reardon and Macie Yarwood

Class Attendance trophy winners 30 October: RD: 99.6%

Class Attendance trophy winners 7 November: 4L: 99.3%

Yours sincerely

T. Patterson
Headteacher

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Head of School



INVESTORS IN PUPILS

