

Blakehill Primary School

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**Autumn Term
2018**

On behalf of all staff and governors, we would like to wish you all a warm welcome back, especially to our newest children in Reception class and their families.

Our school newsletters are sent out to parents every two weeks to provide information of forthcoming events and keep you up to date with Blakehill 'news'. They are sent via email every other Friday and are also available on our website.

If you are experiencing any problems receiving school emails electronically, please contact the school office where a member of the admin team will be able to help you.

Contact Telephone Numbers

Could you please ensure that our office staff are notified if you have changed address or telephone number. Having the correct contact details of parents / carers, (e.g. current mobile and telephone numbers) are vital when children are ill and immediate contact needs to be made.



Safeguarding

Could parents please notify school if the usual arrangements for collecting your child at the end of the school day changes. In the interest of your child's safety, staff particularly in KS1 will not allow a child to go with an unknown adult unless notification has been received.

Medication

All medication, including inhalers were returned home in July. If your child requires medication in school could you please make sure that this is handed in to staff in the school office. Parents need also check expiry dates on prescribed medication.

Upcoming events/ diary dates this half term

Individual pupil photographs:
Friday 5 October

Phonic Workshop for Reception class parents: **Wednesday 26 September 9:00am – 10:00am**

Nell Bank Parent Meeting for children in year 4: **Monday 15 October at 6:00pm**

MacMillan Coffee Morning:
Friday 28 September 9:00am - 10:30pm

School Sponsored Obstacle Course: **Monday 8 October (details to follow)**

School Closes: **Thursday 18 October. This will be a non-uniform day**

School Reopens: **Monday 29 October**

Attendance and Punctuality

We are delighted to announce that attendance for 2017-18 was 96%. This is in line with national expectations.

Holidays

Family holidays will not be authorised during term time unless there are extreme exceptional circumstances. This is as a result of the Department of Education amending the Education Regulations 2006, governing requests for holidays in term time. A list of term dates and holidays for 2018-19 is attached. Please refer to this when booking holidays.

Assembly Themes for Autumn Term 2018

We have an assembly every day at Blakehill. These consist of a Celebration Assembly on a Monday morning, Key Stage assemblies on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, and a class assembly on a Friday Afternoon. Our Tuesday morning assemblies are themed and focus on the key themes of: Fundamental British Values, Blakehill Values, Anti-Bullying, Charity/ Community and Safety. Below is an overview of all of our assemblies for autumn term.

AUTUMN 1							
Week No	WK comm	Mon	Tues	Wed KS2	Thurs KS1	Fri	
1	4/9/18		Whole School Teamwork Makes the Dream Work			Whole School New beginnings	
2	10/9/18	Celebration Assembly	School Golden Rules Being Kind- random acts of kindness			Whole School British values Democracy -School Council	
3	17/9/18	Celebration Assembly	Saltaire Music School Assembly			Whole School Assembly Right and Wrong	
4	24/9/18	Celebration Assembly	Contributing To Community- McMillan Coffee Morning			Whole School Food Bank	
5	1/10/18	Celebration Assembly	ANTI-BULLYING (Recognising Bullying)			5R Class Assembly	
6	8/10/18	Celebration Assembly	Mindfulness			5J Class Assembly	
7	15/10/18	Celebration Assembly	Harvest		Foodbank Collection		
AUTUMN 2							
9	29/10/18	Celebration Assembly	School Golden Rules Honesty and Trust			2S Class assembly	
10	5/11/18	Celebration Assembly	Remembrance			2P Class Assembly	
11	12/11/18	Celebration Assembly	Responsibilities			Whole School Assembly Stranger Danger	
12	19/11/18	Celebration Assembly	Growth Mind-set			4P Class assembly	
13	26/11/18	Celebration Assembly	Advent – Secret Santa			4H Class assembly	
14	3/12/18	Christmas Preparation Christingle/ Nativity/ Rec and KS1 Productions					Whole School Assembly Hope
15	11/12/17	Christmas Preparation Christingle/ Nativity/ Rec and KS1 Productions					Celebration Assembly Carols/ Christingle

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have a wide range of before and after school activities available this year. A list of extra-curricular clubs will be sent to parents next week.

Parking

Could we remind parents to park with consideration when dropping off/ picking children up at the beginning and end of the school day.

We realise that parking availability is not ideal around the school premises but ask that you put our children's safety first.

Local residents have also requested that parents are mindful of access to residential driveways

Well done to the following children who received celebration certificates in assembly on Monday 10th September

Congratulations to:

1W - Sidney Dixon

1G - Ivie Brown

2S - Florence Prentice

2P - Jack Richmond

3R - Harley Moreland

3Ro - Tilly Trotter

4H - Cara Ledgard

4P - Zachary Ali

5J - Harry Hodgson

5R - Finley Janney

6R - Taylor Blackmore-Ryan

6G - Ben Thorpe



Class Assemblies – Autumn Term 2018

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 Autumn term are:

5 October: 5R

12 October: 5J

2 November: 2S

9 November: 2P

23 November: 4P

30 November: 4H

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.

Staff News

As you know, Mr Lowe left Blakehill at the end of July to continue his teaching career in Thailand. He and his partner Grace have settled well and are enjoying their posts in a large primary school in Bangkok –I'm sure that the four bedroomed apartment and sunny climate helps!

Congratulations to our senior lunchtime supervisor, Mrs Storey who leaves Blakehill today to pursue a new career as a Learning Support Assistant at Keighley College. Staff and pupils would like to wish her all the very best for the future.

Mrs Shaw will replace Mrs Storey as Senior Lunchtime Supervisor from next week.

100% Attendance

A super well done to Amber Hague (1G) who won the weekly 100% draw for this week.

Vacancy -Lunchtime Supervisor

We are looking to appoint a lunchtime supervisor as soon as possible, for 5hrs a week to support children at lunchtimes. If you are interested, please contact the school office for further details.

Media and Photography Consent Form

Parents should have received a copy of school's Media and Photography Consent Form today for you to read, sign and return to school. Unless we have your written consent, we are unable to use images/ photos of your child on our school newsletters, website, Twitter etc. Parents wanting their child to be exempt must also indicate their wishes.

Thank you in advance

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are delighted to announce that yet again, school, will be supporting the Macmillan Cancer Trust by holding a coffee morning at school on Friday 28th September.

This charity is very close to the hearts of many of us and we are proud to say that our Coffee Morning is always well supported by our school community.

Donations of cakes/buns are gratefully received, as are donations for the tombola and raffle. Staff are busy organising activities and gathering donations to make sure the event is a success.

We would love you to join us for refreshments, a chat and fundraising fun on the morning of the 28th September between 9:00am and 10:30am.

More details to follow!



Reports of Anti-social Behaviour

During the Summer holidays, local residents have raised concerns about groups of youths accessing the school premises. West Yorkshire police have been notified of these concerns.

Whilst Samm, our site manager, has not reported any damage to our school building or premises, there is evidence of anti- social behaviour near the gate to the school car park. The youths appear to be in and around school premises during the evening, continuing late into the night and this is causing distress to some local residents.

West Yorkshire Police is advising the public to call them on 101 and report any incidents.

School have also notified our PCSO.

School Uniform

What a child wears to school reflects his/her attitude to learning; it portrays the school's ethos and shared values. We have a very simple uniform that pupils are required to wear.



At Blakehill, children are required to wear:

White / sky blue polo shirt,

Black / grey trousers, shirt, dress or shalwar kameez,

Navy blue sweatshirt, preferably with school logo

Black shoes –**not trainers**

Dark/ white socks/ tights

Trainers can be worn only for break times and PE but black shoes/pumps worn in school.

PE Kit

Navy blue shorts or black leotard & White T Shirt

Trainers (outdoors)

Black PE pumps (indoors)

Plain Navy blue or black track- suit for outdoor games

Pump bag

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. This makes it easier when trying to locate lost property.

Parent Keep Fit / Body Conditioning Class

Starting Tuesday 18th September, we are offering a weekly body conditioning/ keep fit class for parents. This will take place in the school hall between 9:30am and 10:30am at a cost of £3.00 per session and will be led by qualified aerobics and dance teacher Pam Naylor.

The Extra Club building will be available from 9:00am – 9:30am on Tuesday mornings for refreshments before the beginning of the class. This will be a great chance to meet and catch up with other parents.

For more details or to book a place for this Tuesday's session, please contact the school office.