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Hello and welcome to our revised style newsletter – we hope you like it!

World Book Week

Unfortunately, we had to postpone our World Book Day event due to the weather this week. We have rescheduled our 'come to school as a book character day' to Thursday 8th March and the KS1 Bedtime reading session will also be on Thursday at 6:00pm – everyone welcome! An after school movie evening for years 3 and 4 has been arranged for Monday 12th March and our Indian Bollywood dance percussion workshops will be rescheduled for later this month.

The Telegraph and Argus will visit school on Thursday to capture some of the images of our children and staff.

Year 5 and 6 will be visiting Immanuel College on the **21st and 22nd of March** to watch their school's production of Sister Act.

Snow Notice

As you know, Blakehill do not take the decision to close school lightly and every effort is made to keep school open as we are aware that many of our parents have work commitments. However, the safety of our pupils, parents and staff is paramount and decisions are made on the basis of the effect worsening weather can have on safety and access to school later in the day. Thank you all for your support last week.



TT Rock stars

To help our children learn their multiplication tables in a fun and interactive way, we have introduced an online programme which challenges pupils from year 2 upwards to compete with others or try to beat their 'personal best' score. TT Rock stars was launched in an assembly this week and aims to motivate children into rehearsing and consolidating their times tables daily. Please ask your child's class teacher for further details. Keep rocking those tables Blakehill!



World book Week 2017

Upcoming Events/ Diary Dates

Friday 9th March- pupil mid-year reports to parents

Monday 12th March 3:30pm – 5:15pm Year 3 and 4 Film Evening

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th March 3:45pm–7:00pm Parent/ teacher Consultation Evenings

Friday 23rd March – class photos

Tuesday 27th March 5:00pm – 6:00pm (Reception and KS1) 6:15pm- 7:15pm (KS2) PTFEA Easter Disco

Mr Lowe and his band of TT Rock star Legends



Rainbow Factory On Thursday 22nd February our Reception classes visited the Rainbow Factory in Leeds. The children loved being involved in theatre, craft and games activities. Thank you to staff, parents and grandparents who accompanied the children on their visit and helped to make the day even more enjoyable for the children.



Year 4 Nell Bank Residential

On Monday 19th March, children in year 4 will be embarking on their first school residential visit. Pupils and staff will be spending 3 days and 2 nights at Nell Bank Activity Centre in Ilkley and will participate in activities aimed at building self-confidence, independence, co-operation, teamwork and resilience. Parents of children in year 4 should contact their child's class teacher should they require further information. Have a great time Year 4!

Bradford City Penalty Shoot Out



Well done to everyone who participated in the sponsored penalty shoot-out organised by Bradford City Football Club. Can we ask that all sponsor money be in for Friday 16th March.

Thank you

Attendance

Well done to **Orla Richardson (1W)** and **Joseph Greenalgh (6G)** who won the weekly 100% attendance prize. All children who achieve 100% attendance during a week are entered for the draw. Names are randomly selected and children have a choice between a book or a bar of chocolate. Looks like the chocolate bar won hands down!

Class Attendance winners: 5R: 99.3%, 5L and 1W: 100%



In the Community

Easter Egg Appeal

Our Chair of Governors, Mr. Cavalier-Lumley visited us on Monday 19th February to appeal for donations for Bradford's Easter Egg Appeal. This organisation helps to provide Easter eggs for disadvantaged pupils across the district and is an initiative that Blakehill continues to support. Many thanks for the kind donations already received. The closing date for donations is **Friday 23rd March.**

Sister Act

On Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd of March, pupils in years 5 and 6 will attend Immanuel College's production of Sister Act. This is an event that we have been invited to many times in the past and something that the children have always thoroughly enjoyed.

Twitter

Remember also to follow us on Twitter. Staff regularly tweet images of what our children are up to and it's a great way of keeping up to date with some of the activities at school.



Reception class having fun in the snow last week.





Wear a Hat to School Day



Our school council and some of our school staff are organising a Wear a Hat to School Day to acknowledge Brain Tumour Awareness Day which is on the **29th March**. This is a charity that is very close to our heart as one of our parents and dear staff member, Nikki Williams was diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2015. As this is on the last day of term before we break for the Easter holidays we thought that it would be a great idea to link both events together and hold an Easter bonnet/hat parade and competition. Please watch this space for more details.

PTFA – Mothers' Day Stall

The PTFA are holding a Mothers' Day Stall in school on **Friday 9 March**. Children will be able to select from four gifts at a cost of £2.00 each. There will be a pre order form coming out today for parents. All monies should be sent into school in a named envelope wherever possible.

Celebration Assembly

Well done to the following children who received celebration certificates in assembly on Monday 19th February and Monday 26th February.

RD Harman Kaur and Riley McHugh	4J Duggy Abdallah and Gracie Whitbread
RG The whole class and Dottie Royston	4L Nasir Chowdhury and Harry White
1W Jaxson Cornwall and Bridget Marshall	5R James Broadbent and Cora Kerin
1P Frank Cooper and Joel Brooksbank	5L Libby Graves and Neve Padgett
2S Amy Hunter and Mollie Simpson	6R Elliot Johnson and the whole class
2P Tilly Trotter and Jasper Holmes	6G Louis Bryan and Archie Sparrow
3H The whole class and Max Ealham	
3R Florence Hepton and Mason Wilson	



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.

9 March: 3R	16 March: 3H	23 March: 5R	20 April: 5L	27 April: 4L
4 May: 4J	11 May: 1P	18 May: 1W	25 May: 3R	

Kind Regards,

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