

Blakesley Hall School

Newsletter

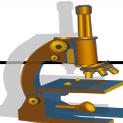
Spring Term 6/12

Date: Thursday 28th February 2013

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Dates for your Diaries

DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
Wednesday 6th March	Whole School	Photographer is in school. 
Thursday 7th March	Whole School	World Book Day
Week Commencing Monday 18th March	Whole School	Science Week 
Week Commencing Monday 25th March	Year 6	Parents Evening
Week Commencing Monday 25th March	Whole School	End of Term Reports sent to parents/carers 
Wednesday 27th March	Whole School	Break up for Easter Half Term
Tuesday 16th April	Whole School	Arrive back to school
Week Commencing Monday 25th March	Whole School	Open Week including Parents Evening

Parent / Carer Volunteer Reading Helpers Needed

School Dinners



We have had a lot of concerned parents regarding the Horsemeat issues.

At Blakesley Hall Primary School we do not have and Beef products.

Birmingham City Council, Direct Services who are in charge of Birmingham school meals has withdrawn all beef products.



We would like to invite Parents or Carers to help children read within our school voluntarily.

If you are interested please contact the school office.



Attendance Buddies

Charlie Thomas 4H

Sameera Abdin 4GS

Moaz Ibrahim 4H

Olivia Owen 4DC

Mikel Brown 4GS

Waqar Khattak 4DC

My name is Charlie.

I have 97% attendance. I had 3 days off school because I was very ill. If you are not ill you should come to school. School is important because it helps you learn new things.

Do you know that some children are missing 100 or 200 lessons? Are you one of them?

School is better than home because you can make friends and have lots of fun!

If you learn at school you will get a good job and get money, children in the UK should come to school, because school is free.

If your attendance is below 90%, you are missing 100 lessons. If it is below 80% you are missing 200 lessons.

Going to School

By Moaz

Do you want to go to school?
Or do you pay everyday to go to school?

Well, if you want to go to a poor country where you have to pay for a pencil, ruler and books, people don't want to take their children miles to go to school but they have to.

So come everyday to school and never hate school!



My name is Mikel.

As you know a girl called Malal Yousafzai got shot in the head by Taliban's because she spoke out for the Equal Rights for girls and boys. She spoke out because she wanted to be able to go to school the same as boys.

In Asia the parents of the boys have to pay for all their pencil cases, pencils, school uniform, but in England the schools pay for all the paper and pencils. People go to school to learn. If your attendance is below 90% it means you are missing 4 weeks of school a year that's 100 lessons. Some children have 80% which means you would miss 200 lessons in a year.

GO TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY!!!! Think of the people who don't have a choice.



ATTENDANCE

Best attending Classes for week ending 27th February 2013

3B
95.9%

3GS
93.8%

4DC
94%

5E
94.8%

6S
93.4%

**100% Attendance
in Spring Term**

**This term 110 children
have 100%
attendance !
Well Done to them.**



**Year 6 Golden
Attendance**



This week Year 6 have launched the exciting, new Golden Attendance scheme to help improve attendance and punctuality on the important run up to SATs. We have only got approximately 38 teaching days until SATs (week beginning 13th May) and we want to ensure the children continue to work hard and try their best, as they have done all year, on each and every one of these days in order for them to achieve the best results possible.

Golden Attendance is simple, come to school on time for all five days of the week and collect 30mins extra Golden Time on a Friday! Are you up for the challenge Year 6?

Music Concert



Yesterday's Music Concert was brilliant.

Birmingham Music Service was very pleased with the progress our children are making especially Year 6 musicians.

Well done to our brilliant musicians !



Blakesley Hall School Choir



Parent Governor Vacancy

Letters have gone out yesterday for one Parent Governor vacancy. If you are interested please fill in the Nomination form and return to school by no later than Monday 4th March 2013.

E-safety Social Networking

There have been a few issues of cyber bullying, some children are using Facebook to write nasty messages to pupils

Our Network policy states:

"A parent should always have some idea of what his or her child is doing whilst online.

Cyber bullying is an increasingly difficult issue for school to manage, particularly as the bullying usually takes place away from the school premises using personal phones or home computers"

Please be aware of what your children are doing when they are online.

Our Learning Mentors

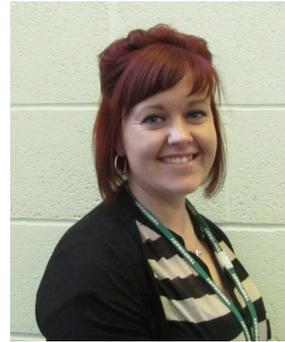
Working together with the child.



Mrs T Bates
Key Stage 2
Senior Learning Mentor



Mrs Z Perveen
Attendance, Year 1 & Year 2
Learning Mentor



Mrs L McReedy
Reception Learning Mentor

How do Learning Mentors work?

Learning Mentors work with individuals, small groups, support a child in a classroom, advise parents/carers on services available for their child.

Learning Mentors are involved in:

- ◆ Clubs during lunchtime and after school.
- ◆ Sports Council including the "Yummies"
- ◆ School Council
- ◆ Anti Racism Council

How to access our support

- ◆ Talk to your child's class teacher, who will then pass on a referral to us.
- ◆ Contact the school and leave a message for us and we will contact you back with an appointment.

The support of a Learning Mentor would benefit pupils who have:

- ◆ Children who have a low self esteem, underachieving and lack of confidence,
- ◆ Working with parents/carers to support their child.
- ◆ Children who have worries or concerns about coming to school.
- ◆ Children who find socialising with others a challenge.
- ◆ Children who find managing their behaviour difficult.

Work with Other Agencies

- ◆ Cole Heath Services to Schools (CHSS)
- ◆ Integrated Family Support Team (IFST)
- ◆ Malachi
- ◆ CAF



Year Four's chosen charity is Acorns Hospice.

All children in Year Four will be taking part in the 'Big Yellow Bag' week on week commencing 11th March 2013. Every child in Year Four will be taking home an Acorns yellow bag to donate items to sell in the Acorns charity shops. Suitable items include unwanted gifts, books, toys, clothes etc. All items must be in **good condition** as they are going to be sold.

The rest of the school will have an opportunity to donate to Acorns over the next few months.

School Photographer

On Wednesday 6th March is School Photo Day.

Families wishing to have a group photo can do so, provided your children attend Blakesley Hall Primary School and their younger brothers and sisters are **pre school age ONLY (under 5)**.

Please arrive by **8.30am** and children must wear **school uniform**.



Easter Egg Raffle

Year 3 are having an Easter Egg competition. There are six prizes in total.

Tickets are 25p each or 5 for £1.00 from Mrs Machin or Mrs Clipstone.

Tickets are to be drawn on Wednesday 27th March 2013.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

We are having a lot of sickness and diarrhoea in school as in other schools, in order for the bug to be cleared we need parents to co-operate with the advice given by Harvey Road School Nurses and our school policy. If your child has an episode of sickness or diarrhoea, he/she is not allowed back in school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

PARKING

We are having complaints from our neighbours on Bonham Grove and Yardley Green Road Cul de Sac, please can you make sure you are not illegally parked in front of driveways, road corners and yellow lines. The Police have been called by neighbours and removed cars.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Morning Clubs start at 8 am

After School Clubs finish at 4.30pm except Art on Wednesday's which is at 4.45pm

WHEN	WHAT
Monday Before School	KS1 Athletics
Monday Before School	KS2 Gymnastics
Monday After School	KS2 Street Dance
Monday After School	KS2 Netball
Monday After School	Yr 5 Photography
Monday After School	Gardening
Monday After School	KS1 Cooking
Tuesday Before School	KS1 Football
Tuesday After School	KS2 Gymnastics
Tuesday After School	Sign Language
Wednesday Before School	KS2 Football
Wednesday After School	KS1 Street Dance
Wednesday After School	Art
Thursday Before School	KS2 Cricket
Thursday After School	KS2 Kombat Fitness
Thursday After School	Year 2 Art
Thursday After School	Year 5 & 6 Drama
Thursday After School	Year 2 Reading
Friday Before School	KS2 Tennis
Friday After School	KS1 Multi Sports