

# Blakesley Hall School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2013/14

Date: Wednesday 27th November 2013

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This month's value word is **Trust** - believing in the honesty and reliability of others

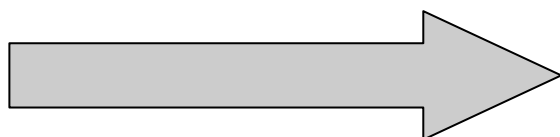
DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
2nd December	Year 1	Reading/ Phonics workshop for parents (9am)
4th December	All	Learning Times Tables - Parent Workshop (9.05am)
5th December	Year 4	Musicians Christmas Concert
12th December	All	Christmas Fayre
17th December	Phase 3	Street Party (9.30am)
17th December	KS1	Carol Concert (2pm)
18th December	KS2	Carol Concert (9.30 - 10.45)
18th December	Reception	Nativity (2.30pm)
20th December	All	Pupils break up for Christmas holidays
7th January 2014	All	Children back to School
27th and 31st January	Year 1	Visit to Blakesley Hall Museum
4th February 2014	All	School Photographer will be in
14th February 2014	All	Children break up for February Half-term

New Scholastic Book Club leaflets will  
be given to pupils this week.

Completed Book Club leaflets need to be returned, in  
an envelope with the exact money, to Miss Woolaway  
in the School Library by **Friday 29th  
November.**

Please be aware that it usually takes a few days for  
books to arrive in school and be delivered to the

# BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS



## Change of details

As you are aware this term there has been  
a bad bout of sickness going around the  
school. Unfortunately on some occasions it  
has proved very difficult to contact parents  
due to telephone numbers not being  
updated. It is very important that you  
contact the school when you have changes  
in your telephone numbers or any other  
contacts listed for your child

Now that the weather has changed, there is  
always a chance that snow may come upon us.  
We provide as many different ways as possible  
to get messages to you:-  
The school website which is updated daily  
[www.blakesley.bham.sch.uk](http://www.blakesley.bham.sch.uk)  
Listen to local radio stations Heart FM  
100.7fm, Free Radio 96.4fm or log onto their  
websites for a full list of school closures  
Call the school telephone number 0121 783  
2148 where a message will tell you if school is  
open. This is updated daily by Office staff.  
Please note that this number may be busy for a  
while with parents ringing.

**WEBSITE NEWS—You can follow us on twitter @BHPS\_1**

# HARVEST



On Friday 8th of November we held our Harvest assembly. We all enjoyed singing and listening to harvest songs. We used this opportunity to give thanks for what we have as well as thinking of others less fortunate than ourselves across the world and in our local community. Thanks to the generosity of our pupils, their families and our staff we received many donations of food. This food will go to **Sparkhill foodbank** and the food will be redistributed to families within our school community.



*"Thank you so much for caring about people in need whom we help at the Sparkhill foodbank. Your generous donation of food totalled 223kgs that equates to providing food parcels for 11 families in the local area, each with 3 days worth of food".*

- Sparkhill foodbank

# EID MELA

A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported the Eid Mela and made the event a success.

Together we managed to raise a staggering **£715.47**, which will be shared equally between Islamic Relief and Save the Children. I would especially like to thank the parent's who donated their time (as well as making a contribution) to run stalls on the day. A big thank you to Asda (Kings Heath) and Morrisons (Small Heath) for donating prizes towards the event.



Thank you to everyone at Blakesley Hall. We have raised **£252.10** for Children In Need.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Don't forget to check out the 'video clips' tab on the website (click on 'news and diary' first) to get updates on what's been happening in school.

Mrs Elliott has recently run a competition for Remembrance Day. 'Find the poppies' and 1st Prize of a racing car has been won by Ethan Romney in class 2D.



## Cake Collection for Christmas Fayre

We are collecting shop brought cakes to sell at our Christmas Fayre. All donations are welcome.





## DONATIONS

If you have any unwanted soft cuddly toys or gift sets please donate for our Christmas fayre by Friday 6th December..

# Learning Times Tables

Parent Workshop

Wednesday 4th December 9:05 am

Would you like some great ideas to help your child learn their times tables?

Come along and find out Mrs. Salt's top tips.

All Parents Welcome

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our Christmas Fayre is on Thursday 12th December. We will have all different activities and stalls, starting from 30p and Mums & Dads gifts from £1. Please make sure children come in with change and carrier bag on the day.



# Blakesley Sports Update



Over the last term many children have participated in a variety of sports

**Basketball** (girls and boys)

**Football** (girls and boys)

**Hockey** (girls and boys)



All the children have been successful in their participation. They have gained good knowledge of skills and have been very happy. Well done to all children who have taken part.

There are competitions coming up over the next weeks:

**Year 3&4 Girls football** Thursday 28th November 3.30-5.30

**Year 3&4 Gymnastics** Friday 13th December 2:00-4:00



There is a notice board outside Mr Day's room where children can add their names to the competitions and then they will be selected to participate in their chosen sport. However there is only a small allocation for each sport therefore, children will be chosen by discussion between Mr Day and Mr Summers.

On Thursday 21st we had two competitions, firstly girls and boys from years 5 and 6 participated against eight other schools in a basketball tournament. The children played with commitment and enthusiasm to get to the final. Blakesley came top of their group with two games drawn 0-0 (Montgomery and Bordesley Green) then a 3-0 win against Alston.

Unfortunately we lost in the final 3-0 to Al Furqan to come second.

Boys from Year 4 and 5 participated in a 6 a side football tournament which they all enjoyed and played with good spirit. Fortunately we did not make it out of the group stages but the children represented Blakesley Hall with unity and honesty.



# HAPPY RETIREMENT TO MRS CLUTTERBUCK



Mrs. Clutterbuck has worked as a teacher and Special Needs Co-Ordinator and been here at Blakesley Hall for 35 years. She will be leaving us at the end of this term.

We wish her a long and happy retirement.

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## SCHOOL REWARD SCHEME

Providing extra educational equipment through online shopping.

The School Reward Scheme involves all the leading online retailers including; Tesco, Boots, Screwfix, Sainsbury's, M&S, Debenhams, ToysRus, ASDA, Currys, John Lewis, Mothercare and hundreds more.

Schoolfunds is a shopping directory which by simply using the links on the website to select online retailers, reward points are collected for every purchase, which can be exchanged for educational equipment.

Each school chooses its own rewards and there are no restrictions, other than there should be an educational benefit. Schoolfunds have been asked to provide everything from art materials to a new classroom.

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