

# Blakesley Hall School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2013/14

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This month's value word is **Quality** - **Strive to produce our best work and give of our best behaviour.**

DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
7th January	All	Children return to School
8th and 10th January	Year 1	Trip to see 'The Snowman'
13th January	4W	Maths workshop for Parents (09.05–10.00am)
16th January	All	Aladdin Pantomime in School
16th January	3B	Maths workshop for Parents (09.05 - 10.00am)
20th January	4T	Maths workshop for Parents (09.05 - 10.00am)
23rd January	Years 4, 5 & 6	Guitar Concert
23rd January	3G	Maths workshop for Parents (09.05 - 10.00am)
27th January	4L	Maths workshop for Parents (09.05 - 10.00am)
29th January	3T	Maths workshop for Parents (09.05 - 10.00am)
4th February	All	School Photographer in School

## BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS

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.

### 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

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW TO YOU ALL**

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

# ATTENDANCE

Attendance Update - I would like to say a big thank you to parents who have responded to my challenge earlier in the year to improve attendance at school. Attendance is up compared to the same time last year. Keep up the good work. If your child is genuinely ill, then of course they need to be at home, but bear in mind that a sniffle or other minor symptoms do not mean that children cannot be in school.

Finally a reminder about the Local Authority's new policy of fining parents who take children on term time leave. The school cannot authorise leave except in the most extreme circumstances so please ensure your children are in school.

- Mr Mason

## Blakesley Sports Update



On Thursday 12th December we had a dodgeball competition at Blakesley Hall. Hobmoor and Yardley came and we played against each other. We beat Hobmoor 4 - 1 and Yardley 2 - 1. In the final we played Yardley and drew 2 - 2. In a deciding game we won 2 - 1 after 10 minutes.

### Spring Term Parent Workshops

## Helping Your Child Learn Times Tables

In the spring term we will be running Times Tables workshops for parents with their children in years 3 and 4. Please come along and support your child.

4W	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2014	9:05 - 10:00 am
4T	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2014	9:05 - 10:00 am
4L	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2014	9:05 - 10:00 am
3B	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2014	9:05 - 10:00 am
3G	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2014	9:05 - 10:00 am
3T	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2014	9:05 - 10:00 am

