

Blakesley Hall School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2014/2015

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This month's value word is **Caring** - Being kind and showing concern for others

Dates for your Diary

DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
10th - 14th November	Year 6	Residential to Redridge in North Wales
13th November	All	SIP with Parents (9am - 10am)
17th - 21st November	Years 1 - 6	Parents/Teacher Conversations
25th November	All	School Photograph - Individual Photographs
26th November	All	School Photograph - Class Photographs
8th - 12th December	Rec	Parents/Teachers Conversations
11th December	All	School Christmas Fayre
16th Decembr	Rec	Nativity and Christmas Carol Concert
17th December	Years 3 - 6	Christmas Carol Concert
19th December	All	Pupils break up for the Christmas holiday
5th January	All	INSET Day
6th January	All	Pupils return to school



Please may we remind parents to be mindful of where you park when dropping off and collecting your children. Please do not park outside the road leading up to the entrances of the school, as they are residential areas and can cause a lot of inconvenience.

UNIFORM



School ties will be available to buy after the half-term. They will be on sale for £2.00 from the school office.

IMPORTANT NOTICE



Change of details

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.

WEBSITE NEWS—You can follow us on twitter @BHPS_1

The 287th scout group meet every Friday night at Newbridge Hall, we have space available for boys and girls aged 6 - 10. For more information please contact Tracey on 07947 030 114.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

DINNER MONEY

REMINDER: Please send in Dinner Money with your child every Monday morning. Sealed in an envelope, with your Childs name, class, amount and dinner money stated on the envelope.

Weekly Dinner Money is £10.25.

Our Christmas Fayre is on Thursday 11th December during school hours (for the children only). We will have all different activities and stalls. If you have any unwanted clean, soft cuddly toys please donate for our Christmas Fayre.

Start collecting **Tubs4Tablets** tokens now!

This autumn **Flora and Stork**, in partnership with **Tesco**, are running an amazing scheme called **Tubs4Tablets** which aims to help our school bring cutting edge technology into the classroom.

The scheme gives Primary and Middle schools in Great Britain the opportunity to collect tokens from special tubs of **Flora and Stork**, available in **Tesco** stores **from early October** and exchange them for **FREE touch screen tablets!**

Exclusive to **TESCO**



Help us make our campaign a success

We need to collect as many tokens as possible, these can be found on promotional 500g tubs* of **Flora Original, Light and Buttery** and **Stork**, available in **Tesco** stores **from early October**.

Hand us your tokens... Just 50 tokens will get our school one brand new **Samsung Galaxy Tab 7.0" Wi-Fi 8GB tablet** so help us to claim as many as we can.

ART COMPETITION

"Blakesley's Got Artists"

Produce some art work inspired by *Henri Matisse*.



Send your work in to Mrs Boora. The best pieces will be displayed and a prize will be given to the winner.

Deadline – Friday 5th December

Get Creating!

ART COMPETITION



SPORTS - MR DAY

Children of Blakesley Hall have been competing in a range of sports inside and outside of school. They have been competing throughout the year and have been very successful in all events they have attended. When they attend a sport we compete against other schools and if they win that event they go to the finals of the Sports Games.

Children have been to the finals the past two years and they have represented Blakesley Hall in a respectful manner.

Two years ago we came third in the cricket and last year we came second in the cricket.

You can access Blakesley Hall page at www.yourschoolgames.com

Events next Half-term



Due to all the competitions and the success over the year the children have achieved a Sainsbury's games silver award.

Thursday 6 th November	Y5&6 6aside Boys and girls Sports Hall Athletics
Friday 13 th November	Y3&4 4aside Girls and Boys Gymnastics
Thursday 20 th November	Y3&4 6aside Boys and Girls Sports Hall Athletics
Thursday 4 th December	Y3&4 4aside (2 Boys & 2 Girls) Tennis Y5&6 4aside (2 Boys & 2 Girls) Tennis

My name is Matthew Wareham and I am an ex-pupil of Blakesley Hall Primary School. When I left BHPS I went on to Ninestiles Secondary School. Whilst at Ninestiles I returned to BHPS for work experience. I am now attending Solihull Sixth Form College doing A levels in Geography, English language, ICT and Maths. I have had a few opportunities to return to BHPS to do work experience. I enjoy returning to BHPS, I feel that it enables me to give something back to my Primary school that helped me get to where I am today. I continue to return to BHPS to gain valuable experience as I wish to go to university next year to train as a Primary school teacher. Whilst on work experience at BHPS I have worked with various year groups and have taken part in the year 4 residential trip for the past two years. I feel it's good to come back to support the community and see the change in the school. I have improved my rapport with children and increased my understanding of learning having seen the hard work put in to support children at BHPS.



Thank You

We have raised **£400.82** from the Macmillans Coffee morning. Thanks to all the support of our BHPS families.

Mr Bloom Here and There

In the Summer holidays 2 of our children took part in a programme for Cbeebies called Mr Bloom which was filmed at Blakesley Hall museum. This is going to be screened the week beginning the 3rd Nov 2014 when the new series of Mr Bloom starts.

My name is Gail Wareham I have two sons one who is in Year 5 at BHPS and another is an ex-pupil. As a parent I feel it is very important to support the school in any way possible. I have always supported fund raising events encouraging both my children to take part in any events both during and after school. I always attend parents' evenings, assemblies and have supported the school choir at the symphony hall. I feel that it is important to support your child and in turn the school. I have encouraged my older son to do voluntary work at the school as I feel that it's an opportunity to give something back. As for myself I have done volunteer reading with children and I am a parent governor. I enjoy being part of the school and hope that my support will help other children.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION

REMINDER FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS:

Application for secondary school must be completed before Friday 31st October to ensure your child has the best chance of getting in to their preferred school.

Apply at - <http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

A big **THANK YOU**

to all at Blakesley Hall Primary School for donating 142.7 Kgs (340 meals) of food to Sparkhill foodbank this Harvest time

to support Sparkhill foodbank. Your donations make a BIG difference to local people in crisis.

Sparkhill foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank