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Autumn Term 2  
Wednesday  
26th November

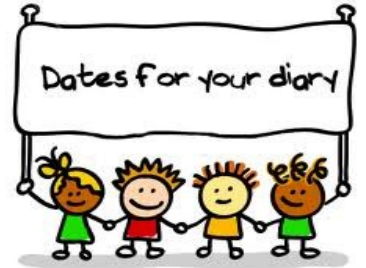
# Blakesley Hall Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

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DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
1st December	Phase 2	Maths workshop for Parents
1st - 3rd December	Year 2	Curriculum visit to Birmingham City Centre
8th - 12th December	Rec	Parents/Teacher Conversations
11th December	All	Christmas Fayre - for children ONLY
12th December	Year 1	Christmas workshops
15th - 19th December	All	Christmas parties
15th December	Year 4	Christmas make day workshop with Parents
16th December	Rec	Nativity & Christmas carol concert
17th December	KS2	Christmas Carol Concert
17th December	Year 1	Christmas Party
18th December	Year 2	Christmas Workshop for Parents
18th December	Year 2	Christmas Party
19th December	Year 5 - 6	Christmas Party
19th December	All	Pupils break up for the Christmas holiday
5th January	All	INSET Day for staff only
6th January	All	Pupils return to school

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This month our Value Word is **Patience** - waiting for something calmly.

## I Have A Dream

I have a dream that one day our school wont be adjudicated by the colour of our skin but we will stand united as one community. We all are different but similar in a way.

I have a dream that one day we will care and love for each other and realise that there is no point in judging someone by the colour of their skin but what is in their heart.

I have a dream that everyone should be treated equally. They wont be laughed or mocked at.

I have a dream that no matter what century or year it is racism should be banned. People should care, people should show respect for each other.

By: Laylaa Mahmood, 6SM



# BOOK FAIR

There will be a Scholastic Bookfair in the school library on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 3:15- 4:30pm.

As part of the Bookfair, the Scholastic Team are holding a competition. The prizes are 5 Bookfair tokens worth £5 each, 3 for KS2 and 2 for KS1.

To win this competition KS1 (Reception and Years 1&2) will need to design/draw a 'buddy' for *Olaf* (From Disney's *Frozen*) and KS2 (Years 3-6) will need to write a poem about *'Human Rights'*.

Your entries should be sent to the Library by the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, prizes will be given out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> after judging by the Scholastic Team and can be redeemed on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to seeing you at the Bookfair!

# EID MELA

THANK YOU!

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to all the parents and children who have helped us to raise an amazing **£1231.91** at the Eid Mela!!!

The much needed funds will be used to help the children of Gaza through Islamic Relief to provide clothing, food and educational equipment.

Once again thank you for your generosity and kindness.

- Mrs. Shahnawaz and Mrs. Clipstone

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE



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 of the following unwanted items in good condition please donate for our Christmas Fayre. **Soft, cuddly toys, ornaments, jewellery, candle sets, Ladies & Men's gift sets (toiletries) and sweets and chocolates.**

# ATTENDANCE

Great news. Attendance continues to improve and is currently just below 96% for this term so far. That means most children are at school everyday. One thing which is still of concern is punctuality. There are still many children arriving after the 9.05. Can I please suggest that if you are regularly late that you leave home a few minutes earlier. Also if your child arrives after 9.30 a.m. then they are counted as absent for the first half of the day unless it was for a medical appointment or something of that nature. Can I also take this opportunity to remind parents that we are not able to approve term time holiday and that fines of £60 per parent, per child can be issued as a consequence.

If you wish to discuss any concerns you have with regard to attendance please speak with Danny or myself.

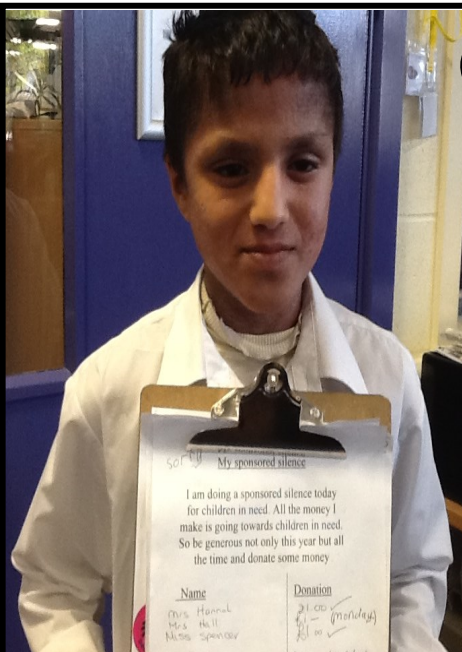
- Mr Mason

# CHILDREN

Thank You to all Children, Carers, Parents and Staff who have given donations for Children In Need raised by our Super Heroes. We have raised £192. Umayr Khan in Year 6 did a sponsored silence on the day and raised £100.

Total raised - An awesome £292.

# IN NEED



In Phase 3 we held our own remembrance service to commemorate those that have lost their lives in battle since 1914. The children created an art installation based on the field of poppies around the tower of London. The whole phase gathered together to recite a verse from the poem 'For the Fallen' and were accompanied by the sound of 'The Last Post' played by our visiting music teacher.



## Remembrance Day



Children are expected to be in correct P.E kit for all P.E lessons and sport clubs. It is not acceptable for children to do P.E in their school shoes and uniform. If P.E Kit is not provided your child will wear a spare school kit. P.E is a statutory lesson - which children must do.

Correct P.E kit:

- \*Plain White T-shirt (available from the school office - price £4.50)
- \*Plain Black/Navy shorts
- \*Black/Navy jogging bottoms
- \*Black pumps

The pupils from across key stage 2 have been asked to go and spread Christmas cheer by singing at Asda Small Heath (4.12.14). If you are passing through Small Heath between 1.00pm and 2.00pm it would be lovely to see you and join in if you know the words! They will also be performing at a care home in Edgbaston (9.12.14) where we will entertain the residents.

Look out in January's newsletter to find out all about how the BIG performance goes at the NEC - We are very excited to be part of one of the largest children's choirs in the world!



**Blakesley Hall  
Choir is in  
demand!**

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.

# BAD WEATHER



# Redridge Outdoor Education Centre Year 6 Residential

During the second week of November, some children in Year 6 went to Redridge Outdoor Education Centre in Wales. All children (including the teachers!) had a fantastic time participating in activities like rock climbing, caving and kayaking. The children represented Blakesley Hall really well and had a positive attitude approaching all the new challenges they had to face. Well done Year 6!



"It was an experience of a lifetime and I enjoyed every single minute of it!"  
-Mustafa Ali (6P)



"It was a different experience to School life and I loved it"  
-Dean Perry (6SM)

## 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 5<sup>th</sup>  
December**

**Get Creating!**

**ART COMPETITION**



Phase 2 Maths Workshop for  
Parents

Monday 1st December

@ 9am

**All Parents are Welcome!!!**



We are running low on water bottles. We have ordered more, unfortunately the price has gone up. The new bottles will be £2.00.

We have had a huge response to the family learning sessions. THANK YOU to all the parents who have attended. We are planning more family learning sessions after Christmas.

We are starting a Parents PTA so if you are interested, please come along to our coffee morning for parents on **Wednesday 10th December (9 - 10.30am)** and have a coffee and a chat.

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