

Our Value Word this month is **EMPATHY**-  
have the ability to understand and share the  
feelings of another.

## Dates For Your Diary

DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
10 December	All	Christmas Fayre (Children only)
15 December	Reception	Reception Christmas play — Parents welcome
16 December 9.15-10.15am	KS1	Christmas Assembly— Parents welcome
16 December 2.00-3.00pm	KS2	Christmas Assembly—Parents welcome
18 December	All	School finishes for Christmas Celebrations
4 January	All	INSET DAY
5 January	All	Children return to school

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE



### Children in Need

School Council dressed as 'Heroes' to raise money for Children in Need. They were on the playground collecting from Parents and Carers in the rain. We raised a total of £122.26. Thank you so much for your generosity.



Our Christmas Fayre is on Thursday 10th December during school hours (for the children only). We will have a range of 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, candles Ladies & Men's gift sets(toiletries). Sweets, chocolates and cakes we can only accept shop bought food items.**

## School Dinners

A quick reminder for Parents with children in KS2, School Dinner Money is £10.50 a week. If you would like to change your child from school meals to sandwiches or sandwiches to school meals, please inform the school office before the start of a new week.



A huge thank you to everyone for their generosity and support at the Eid Mela. As a result we raised a fantastic £1103 for Islamic Relief that will go towards helping the refugees of Syria and Palestine. Many thanks from Mrs. Clipstone, Mrs. Shahnawaz, Mrs. Crutchley and Mr. Mason.

We have introduced a Talk Topic across the school. This is to help develop communication skills and encourage interaction between different people. Every few weeks, the topic will change and the children are encouraged to discuss different questions. At the moment, we are following a Roald Dahl theme and the current Talk Topic is 'If you had magical powers like a witch, what would you do?'. The children are encouraged to talk to each other and to people in different year groups about the topics. It would be great if you could also talk to them about it at home. Encourage lots of thinking about the topic and really explore it in depth.

**MENTORING CORNER**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> October, all of Year6 took part in their second Mentoring Day of the Year. The theme of the day was Success. The children took the information that they learnt from the activities to build up a picture of what qualities they need to be successful.

**SUCCESS  
COMES IN  
CANS, NOT  
CANT'S.**

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**School Year 2015 - 2016**

Autumn Term 2015

**Inset Days: Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September 2015**

School Opens: Monday 7th September 2015

**Half Term: Monday 26 October 2015 –  
Friday 30 October 2015**

Monday 1st November - INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd November - Pupils return to school

Term Ends: Friday 18 December 2015

Spring Term 2016

Term Starts: Monday 4 January 2016

**Half Term: Monday 15 February 2016 –  
Friday 19 February 2016**

Term Ends: Thursday 24 March 2016

Summer Term 2016

Term Starts: Monday 11 April 2016

**Half Term: Monday 30 May 2016 –  
Friday 3 June 2016**

Term Ends: Friday 22 July 2016

***Teacher training days may still be added to the term dates shown above.***

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A **HUGE CONGRATULATIONS** to the following classes and their parents for winning the highest attending class for the following weeks:

Week Beginning	KS1	KS2
19/10/15	2B – 98%	5C – 98%
02/11/15	1B – 95.5%	5B – 99.2%
09/11/15	2B - 95%	5A – 100%

## Facts about Attendance Codes

Did you know ....

- If a child has a **medical appointment** this means that they are classed as **absent**.
- Children who arrive **after 9:30** will receive a **U mark** on the register. In line with government guidance the morning session will then be counted as an **absence**.



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.



## Black History Week

Our Black History focus was overcoming adversity. We studied different people or groups across the school including: Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, The Jamaican Bobsleigh Team and the role of black soldiers in World War 2.

### Year 6 trip to Redridge

Year 6 had a fantastic time on their residential at the Redridge Outdoor centre in Wales. The children took part in many activities including: canoeing, abseiling, rock climbing, caving and cycling. Staff were incredibly proud of the way the children behaved and gave all the activities a good go! All the children overcame their fears and tackled many obstacles. Well done Year 6!

