

Dates For Your Diary

Our Value Word this month is — **Responsibility**
having the duty to take care of something or someone.

DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
Monday 11 April 2016	Whole School	Teacher Training day
Tuesday 12 April 2016	Whole School	Children return to school
Monday 2 May 2016	Whole School	School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 5 May 2016	Reception Year 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5	School closed to all pupils EXCEPT Year 6 for Local Elections (school used for voting) YEAR 6 Revision Day-Children to attend
Friday 27 May 2016	Whole School	School closed for Half Term
Monday 6 June 2016	Whole School	Children return to school
Thursday 23 June 2016	Whole School	School closed for EU voting
Wednesday 29 June 2016	Year 6	Secondary Transfer Induction Day
Thursday 21 July 2016	Whole School	School closed for Summer Holidays (Teacher training day)

Year 1

In Year 1 the children enjoyed a production of Elmer by Riverside Performing Arts - 'Elmer the patchwork elephant who loves to make his friends laugh but he's tired of being different. When he hides his 'true colours' and tries to blend in, he discovers, with help from his friends, that he's happiest just being himself.'

The children then followed this up with activities within class, discussing and writing about how we are all different but we should be proud of who we are.

Year 1

We have all been excited by the delivery from 'Living Eggs' of 10 eggs for each Year 1 class with all the equipment required to hatch and take care of the chicks. The children were able to watch the eggs hatch and then be involved in the care of the chicks. The children in Year 1 have used this experience to support their learning across the curriculum in a variety of different ways, for example writing a diary, describing their life cycle, classifying animals that lay eggs and those that don't and conducting science experiments involving eggs.



Attendance Celebration

Week Beginning	KS1	KS2
7th March 2016	RA -96.3%	4R-98.3%
29th February 2016	RA-99.3%	5C-97.9%
22nd February 2016	2B-98.3%	5B-99.7%
8th February 2016	2B -98.3%	4R -97.7%

Attendance Facts

'At primary school, pupils who miss just 14 days of schooling between the age of 7 and 11 are **25% LESS** likely to achieve Exceeding, in literacy and numeracy, than those with **NO** absence'. This is **ONLY 3.5 days per year**.

School Year 2016 - 2017

Autumn Term 2016

Term Starts: Monday 5 September 2016
Half Term: Monday 24 October 2016 – Friday 28 October 2016
Term Ends: Friday 16 December 2016

Spring Term 2017

Term Starts: Tuesday 3 January 2017
Half Term: Monday 20 February 2017 – Friday 24 February 2017
Term Ends: Friday 7 April 2017

Summer Term 2017

Term Starts: Monday 24 April 2017
Half Term: Monday 29 May 2017 – Friday 2 June 2017
Term Ends: Tuesday 25 July 2017

Inset days to be announced

The end date for the summer holiday in 2017 will be advised by July 2016 when the term dates for the school year September 2017 - 2018 are not known.



Year 6 Mentoring Activities

On 11th March, Year6 took part in their third Mentoring Day. The children took part in a series of activities that focused on the themes 'Choices, Complacency and Consistency.' The children were given the opportunity to question visitors from a whole range of backgrounds and life experiences about the theme of choices. The visitors in school found this a real challenge as they were asked some thought provoking questions. Volunteers for the day included Carl and Trevor from ALCOA, a Governor, a Year11 student and staff from across the school.

On Monday 21st March, parents were invited into School to take part in Mentoring Parent Workshops that were run throughout the day. Many parents attended the session and found them to be valuable. One Parent who attended the sessions said ' I found the session very interesting as it gave me a greater insight into what the Mentoring Programme is all about and how I can now go and further support my child.'

Sport Relief



Dinner Money

Cost of Dinner Money has increased by 5p a day. Daily dinner cost is now £2.15p and **Weekly total is £10.75.**

Blakesley Hall would like to thank parents for their continued generosity when raising money for charities.

Sport Relief was a huge success and throughout the day there were lots of sports activities the children took part in. They had lots of fun and enjoyed the day.

Head Teachers Challenge!

Mrs Phillips set a challenge for each class to raise £5 for a mosquito net.

All classes raised at least one Mosquito net each which means we were able to buy 21 Nets to protect vulnerable children in Africa.

Thank you all for your support.

We also raised a total of **£157.22p** for mosquito nets.

RR need to be applauded for their contributions as they raised the most money for mosquito nets with over £30. WELL DONE!!

Children rode an exercise bike from the start of the day until the end in our Bikeathon.



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School football team beat teachers

8-6

Teachers Cake off!

Was a success with the majority of Mr Days cake being eaten.

