

Dates For Your Diary

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Our Value Word this month is **Friendship** - relationship between friends, act of care and kindness.

Friday Celebration Assemblies –

*Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2
9.00am

*Yr 3 – Yr 6
12noon

If your child is going to receive an award in assembly you will receive an invite via text the week before. It is important to make sure your contact details are up to date with the School office.

DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
Thursday 27th September	Parents	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Friday 29th September	CHOIR	Visit to Bham Town Hall
Monday 1st October - Friday 5th October	Year 6	Testing Week
Monday 1st October	RV	Reading Workshop at 9am
Tuesday 2nd October	RB	Reading Workshop at 9am
Wednesday 3rd October	RM	Reading Workshop at 9am
Wednesday 10th October	JIGSAWS	Reading Workshop at 2pm
Tuesday 16th October	All	Individual & Family Photographs
Tuesday 23rd October	Year 6	Height & Weight Checks
Friday 26th October - 12.45pm	All	Children break up for the Half-term.
Monday 29th October - Friday 2nd November	All	October Half - Term
Monday 5th November	All	Children return to School

Friday afternoon - early closing

Thanks for collecting children on time (12.45pm) as we have made this change to our school week. Other schools locally have also made this change which is allowing for teachers to fulfil their requirement to plan, prepare and assess without the need to have additional supply teachers in the classroom. This change is saving our school over £100, 00 in these times of budget strain. After 9 months of planning and consultation it good to see this working so smoothly. We have made changes to the school week to ensure that full curriculum coverage is maintained.

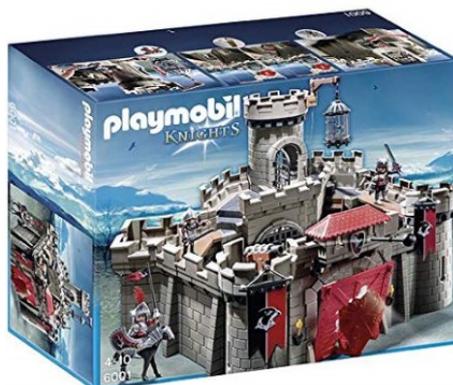
Tuesday 16th October

School photographer in to take individual, family and group pictures. Please ensure all children are dressed in correct uniform for the start of the school day.

If you have pre-school children and would like to take a family photo of your children are welcome between 8.30 - 8.50am. If you do not arrive between these times you will miss the opportunity.

RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE

Raffle tickets will be on sale for 50p each. The lucky winner will win a Playmobil Castle worth over £70. The money raised will go towards improving our playground.



No photographs please

If you do not want your Childs school photograph to be taken please request it in writing, ensuring your Childs full name and class is stated.

Hello fellow pupils, my name is Aima Jamil and I am in class 6S. first of all I would like to say thank you to all the members of staff who have selected me to be Head Girl and have given me this opportunity. Being a Head Girl will give me motivation to do well at school and in my work. As being the Head Girl I have to set examples not only to pupils but to the whole school. I believe being Head Girl means to respect people, help peers and encourage pupils. I am determined to try my best to give our golden book awards out in front of the entire school and develop my public communication skills. Also in future I hope to come up with new ideas with my team. Finally I would like to say thank you for your time and for listening to me.

Aima Jamil, 6S

Hello my fellow Blakesley citizens. My name is Lavanya and I stand here today as Deputy Head Girl, in excitement of playing this role for the year. In the future I hope I can come up with great ideas with my team to improve this school and make it a better place for children to have fun. I would like to help children improve their work and make them the best they can be. I know that I am capable of being good and making a difference to our school.

Thank you for listening to my speech.

Lavanya Anpalagan, 6P

INTRODUCING Head & Deputy Boys & Girls -Year 6 Leaders

Good morning my fellow students. I go by the name of Kadeem Sajan and I am happy to be the Head Boy. I am thrilled that I've been chosen to be Head Boy since I've always wanted to be a head pupil. The fact that I have not only been chosen to take the role of a head pupil but to be a Head Boy is astonishing.

I think that because I've been chosen to be Head Boy that the teachers know I have the qualities of a head pupil such as correcting others if they are doing wrong, being a pupil that walks around school sensibly and shows respect to everyone.

Also, I would like to thank Mrs Phillips as well as all my teachers and peers who helped me become who I am today. These people have helped me come so far and I am greatly appreciative of their help. I can't thank them enough!

In addition I would like to express my feelings and tell you all the things that I look forward to doing this year as Head Boy. As I'm writing this speech and probably when I read it out I just feel a mix of happy and positive emotions running through me. I look forward to showing visitors around the school and helping teachers if they need any.

To sum this speech up I want you to know that if you try hard in lessons and in school in general, then you might be given a role like this one day. Thank you fellow students for listening.

Kadeem Sajan, 6S

My fellow Blakesley friends my name is Harvey and I stand here today honoured to have this job and role to be deputy Head Boy.

Firstly, I have been in this school for seven years so I know how this school works. I have also been in the choir for two years. Why choose me, here are three key reasons why I was chosen, I am hard working, determined, I am also respectful.

Secondly I now have the opportunity to give kids their golden book awards and also be in the school council. I was also chosen because of how I have worked through my seven years at #Blakesley Hall. I am so glad that I was chosen to be deputy Head Boy. Thank you for listening to my speech.

Harvey Phipps, 6M



We were off to a rocky start this year with high levels of absence in every year group.
This is as a result of Unauthorised Term Time Leave.

Remember that ALL Term Time Leave has to be applied for with the correct form in the Main Office and reviewed for authorisation by Ms Phillips.

But during the second week *most* of those children are back in school and I have been giving out hundreds of Proud Points every single day!

Remember: We are all human, we all go through hard times and struggle some times. Don't suffer in silence, if anything at all is getting in the way of your child's attendance or punctuality come in and see Nathan so he can put things in place to support you.

I'm very excited to be coordinating P.E. this year. We're running lots of sports clubs this half term including;

- Y5/6 netball (full) - Y5/6 boys football (full)
- Y5/6 girls football (spaces left) - Y5/6 mixed jujitsu (full)
- Y3/4 girls jujitsu (full) - Y1/2 dodgeball (full)

I will be looking to add more clubs as we move through the year so that all children have the opportunity to attend a club. This year I am also excited to be working with a professional dancer (Sara McQueen) and our new sports coach (Miss Wilson). Every child at Blakesley will be taught P.E. by them at some point this year. If you have any questions or suggestions related to school sport then please get in touch.

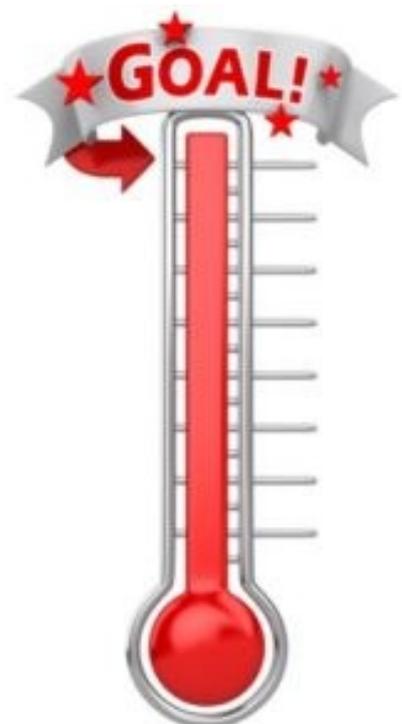


Yours in sport, Miss Jones (Year Teacher & PE Leader)

£20,000

**FLOSSING to
raise FUNDS.**

**PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR
DETAILS ABOUT OUR GIANT
SCHOOL FLOSSING
FUNDRAISING EVENT ON
OCTOBER 17TH AT 8.30AM.**



Hello everyone!,
I am Erica Blake the new Child and Family Support Worker at Blakesley Hall Primary School.

I am here to support to the families within the school community, in a variety of different ways such as: providing counselling, providing advice and support, working with families to promote a positive environment and working in partnership with a range of different agencies to promote the best outcome for you.



Home School Worker

Family support and counselling will be the responsibility of Erica Blake – please look out for her on the playground

SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPIST

Mrs Freakley, our Speech and Language Therapist, is available on Thursdays if you would like to discuss anything about your child's speech, language and communication skills. Please arrange an appointment with the school office or your class teacher. There will no longer be the drop-in clinic on Fridays.

Thanks!
Mrs Freakley

Online safety tips

- Put yourself in control - Make use of the parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices.
- Search safely - Use safe search engines such as swiggle.org.uk or kids-search.com. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines as well as YouTube.
- Agree boundaries - Be clear what your child can and can't do online – where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online.
- Explore together - The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about it. Encourage them to use devices in communal areas so you can see what sites they're visiting.
- Check if it's suitable - The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. The minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram.



Mr J. Roberts (Year 5 Teacher & Computing Leader)

Headteacher's message



We are pleased to be working in close partnership with six of our local schools. Kingfisher Collaboration of Schools is a formal joining together of schools to combine our resources where we can to provide the best possible educational experiences for pupils. The schools in the Kingfisher Collaboration are: Stechford Primary, Blakesley Hall, Redhill, Somerville, Bordesley Green, Starbank and St Benedict's

The children have made a great start to the academic year – we have had great feedback from Local Authority visitors who commented on the great teaching and the purposeful learning that was happening in all classrooms.

Ms Phillips

