



Headteacher's message

Some of you will have noticed the playground needs some repairs. Unfortunately our school budget will not stretch to cover the £20,000 that is needed for the children to be able to use it at playtimes.

So... We will be running a series of fundraising events throughout the year to help pay for the improvements to the children's play area.

We are usually very good at raising money for different charities and hopefully this year will be no different.

But a good proportion of the funds we raise this year will be put towards much needed school equipment. The following events are happening this term:

Ms H. Phillips

FUNDRAISING

NEWSLETTER

15th October 2018



We have raised a fabulous £341.37 this year for MacMillans Cancer Support.

FLOSSING to raise FUNDS.

ON OCTOBER 17TH AT 8.30AM.

ALL WELCOME TO JOIN US IN THE MUGA FOR A GIANT FLOSS.

Check out our Flossing demonstration by the school council on our Twitter Page to get practising.



Come and join the fun in our End of Term Disco.



For children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Date: Tuesday 23rd October

Time: 3.30 - 4.30pm

Entry

ticket:

£2.50

For children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

Date: Thursday 25th October

Time: 3.30 - 4.30pm



Purchase tickets from the school office

Tickets are running low—come get yours before they are gone.

Schools in England are facing the largest real term cuts for a generation.

Did you know Birmingham schools are set to lose **£49 million** in real terms by 2020?

Information - www.schoolcuts.org.uk 22nd March 2018

This means a loss of

-£135,453 (Average) Per School

-£293 (Average) Per Pupil

-1,038 (Equivalent) Loss of teachers

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Blakesley Hall Primary School will be celebrating the Harvest festival on **Friday 19th October.**

Donations will be gratefully accepted from **Monday 15th October.**

Donations will be collected and distributed to local families in need by **St Thomas' Food Bank.**

Tinned and dried food only



Christmas Fair
Wednesday 12th December 2018 (all day)
Children only

We are also hoping to be able to take all the children to the theatre as part of the reading curriculum - more news about that to follow



Please support us as much as you can. FUNDRAISING



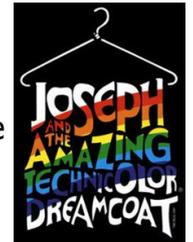
My Mum first took me to the theatre when I was 5 years old.

We went to see Joseph's Technicolour Dreamcoat at the Hippodrome Theatre in Birmingham. I can remember sitting in the plush velvet seats, listening to the orchestra tuning up and waiting for the lights to dim and the curtains to open.

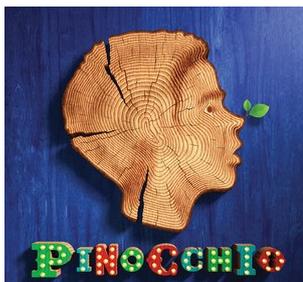
And I was hooked! The performance was breath-taking – the actors were fearless, the dancers moved effortlessly across the stage and the music was spell-binding. Since then, I've seen countless productions, from Romeo and Juliet, Jane Eyre and The Lion King to The Nutcracker ballet and even an opera.



We are incredibly lucky in Birmingham to have so many world class theatres on our doorstep. And I think it's so important to go and take children to see performances. Theatre entertains and enchants us, it fires our imagination, giving children the skills, curiosity and creativity they need to understand the complex world we live in. This is why, as a parent, I regularly take my two children to the theatre. Part of the enjoyment for me, is seeing their faces light up as the story unfolds and having the interval and post-performance conversations about what they were amazed or moved by.



This year I would love all of our pupils at BHPS to see a performance - to have that magical experience themselves and be able to use it as the basis of some fantastic writing back at school. Details about each year group's theatre visit will be coming home soon. I hope that you will support us in funding this fantastic enrichment opportunity for your child.



And what am I seeing next? Well, at half term I'm going to see a version of The War of the Worlds, where the audience hears the entire play through a set of headphones – I can't wait!



Ms Hack

Assistant Headteacher