



## NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2

Wednesday 28th  
November 2018

# Blakesley Hall Primary School

**Children  
return to  
school on  
Tuesday 8th  
January**

## Dates For Your Diary

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| DATES  | YEAR/CLASS               | EVENT  |
|--|--------------------------|--|
| Thursday 29 November                             | Librarians               | Visiting Stechford Primary                               |
| Friday 30 November                               | Gifted & Talented Pupils | Dance trip to the Hippodrome                             |
| Monday 3 December                                | Rec, Y1, Y2              | Interactive Theatre Performance                          |
| Wednesday 5 December                             | Y4                       | Parent Exhibition 2.45pm                                 |
| Thursday 6 December                              | Rec                      | Eye Test   |
| Thursday 6 December                              | Librarians               | Visiting Somerville Primary                              |
| Monday 10 December                               | Y1                       | Parent to School Morning 9am-12pm                        |
| Monday 10 December                               | Y2                       | Dance Xchange Workshop 1.30pm                            |
| Tuesday 11 December                              | Y3                       | Old Rep Theatre Trip                                     |
| Tuesday 11 December                              | Y5                       | Parent to School Morning 9am-12.45pm                     |
| Tuesday 11 December                              | Rec                      | Nativity— Parents invited                                |
| Wednesday 12 December                            | All                      | Christmas Fayre—children only                            |
| Thursday 13 December                             | Y4                       | Old Rep Theatre Trip                                     |
| Thursday 13 December                             | Choir                    | Visit to Heartlands Hospital                             |
| Thursday 13 December                             | Rec, Y1, Y2              | Christmas Assembly 9am                                   |
| Thursday 13 December                             | Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6           | Christmas Assembly 10.45am                               |
| Monday 17 December                               | Rec, Y1, Y2              | Attendance Assembly 9am                                  |
| Monday 17 December                               | Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6           | Attendance Assembly 10am                                 |
| Tuesday 18 December                              | Jigsaws                  | Horse Riding   |
| Tuesday 18 December                              | Y2                       | Dance Xchange Workshop 9.30am                            |
| Tuesday 18 December                              | Y4 and Electives         | Violin and Guitar Concert 1.30pm                         |
| Wednesday 19 December                            | All                      | GB Athlete Visit   |
| Thursday 20 December                             | Rec                      | Visit to Blakesley Hall to meet Santa                    |
| Thursday 20 December                             | Y1                       | Hippodrome Theatre Trip                                  |
| Friday 21st December                             | Rec, Y1, Y2              | Attainment Assembly 9am                                  |
| Friday 21st December                             | Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6           | Attainment Assembly 12pm                                 |
| Friday 21st December                             | All                      | Children break up at 12.45pm for the Christmas holidays. |
| <b>Monday 24th December - Friday 4th January</b> | <b>All</b>               | <b>Christmas Holiday</b>                                 |
| <b>Monday 7 January</b>                          | <b>All</b>               | <b>Inset Day</b>   |
| Tuesday 8th January                              | All                      | Children return to school at 8.45am                      |

### Year 6 SATs Revision Books

If you would like to buy a set of books to help prepare your child for their national tests, CGP have written a set of SAT Buster books for Reading, Maths and Grammar. They can be ordered online and are widely sold in e.g. WHSmiths



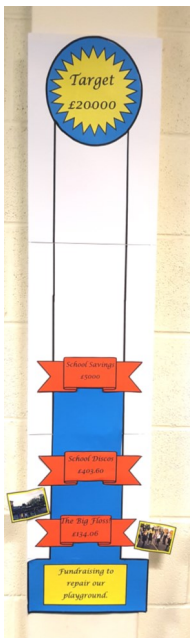
## Christmas Party

Whole school Christmas party will be on Friday 21st December.

Please send in shop bought party food with your child/ren. All donations are much appreciated.



# Fundraising



Please donate **shop bought** sweets, chocolates and cakes for our Christmas Fayre.

Any unwanted gifts, teddy bears and cuddly toys for the teddy tombola stall at the Christmas Fayre. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

## WANTED

Walking Animal Balloons available at the Christmas fayre

**£2**



We are very grateful for the financial contributions that parents/carers and friends of the school have given this term. It is very pleasing to say that not only are we collecting for our own needs but that you generously gave £510 for BBC Children In Need this year. Thank you.



We will be having a non-uniform day on **Friday 21st December 2017.**

Children can come to school in Christmassy clothes. If your child is in non uniform we would appreciate a donation of £1 per child or £3 per family. Please send donations to your child's class teacher.

*All money raised will go towards improving our Playground.*

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We will be holding our Christmas Fayre on **Wednesday 12th December 2018.**

Please send your child/ren with change to participate in activities, buy mums and dads gifts and more. All activities will be starting from 50p.

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## RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE

Raffle tickets will be on sale for £1 each from Monday 3rd December to Friday 14th December. Lucky winners will have the opportunity to win a bike donated by Mark Main (ClarkIT), a K'nex Thrill Ride set, 4 in 1 Table game set, Playmobil Knights Castle and much much more...



It's been a super busy Autumn term with lots of brilliant sport taking place across the year groups. Here are a few highlights... Before and after school sports clubs are thriving with a whopping 120 children taking part in football, dodgeball, badminton, netball or ju-jitsu every week!



In early November I took another fantastic group of children to compete in the Birmingham Panathlon. Massive congratulations to the following children: Isaaq, Soleman, Abdulbasit, Abdulrehman, Tahrim, Aiza, and Zaku.



We've also been taking part in lots of events and competitions. Back in October I had the pleasure of taking two groups of children out to participate in the Skills of for Life Festivals at Birmingham City University. Well done to: Rumaan, Malyka, Keelan, Laibah, Iqra, Harvey, Abdullah, Amna, Ibraheem, Daniel, Ibrahim, Hope, Aisha, Alishba, Noah, Abu, Aleks, Karima, Bilal, Zia, and Manaahil!



## SPORTS UPDATE

There have also been parent dance workshops for all of the Year 1 classes, with Year 2 parent workshops taking place later this term. Parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 have these to look forward to later in the year.



## Parents to School



The introduction of the Parent to School sessions have been very successful, parents and children have really enjoyed themselves. Thanks to all the parents who attended. Look out for the dates for more sessions throughout the year.

*"Firstly, can I just say how much I really enjoyed the Parent to School Morning, it was so nice to be able to engage with my children through learning and see how and what they're learning in school, to be able to meet their teachers and see the methods used for guided reading and Maths. Also the little things like what they do at playtime. How they interact with other children, the games they play and the snacks they are given. It was also lovely to see the level of confidence they have in the classroom when having to speak up and answer questions or read out loud. I look forward to more to come :)"*

*I hope we can make it a regular thing, as it's also beneficial for us parents. I learnt about factors - something I had forgotten about over the years and now am able to challenge and help my son because I know what I'm speaking about :)"*

*So a big thank you to the school for organising it and allowing us to have this opportunity."*

Year 4 Parent

## **WE NEED YOU!!**

THERE IS A VACANCY FOR A PARENT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GOVERNING BOARD OF OUR SCHOOL.

This is what OFSTED said about our Governors

**"Governors are relentless in their approach to improving *Blakesley Hall Primary* school...they provide strategic direction effectively." Ofsted – July 2018**

PLEASE COME AND JOIN OUR TEAM in this very important role. Training and support will be given so that you can make a difference to your school.

Application papers will go out to all parents on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. If you would like to know more before you apply please ask to speak with the Headteacher, one of the Deputy Headteachers or Miss Brown (Year 3 Leader and Teacher Governor).





## "Lend a Hand" Listening Service

Do you ever feel...

You can't cope, don't know where to turn, fragile, suffocated, lonely, empty and hurt.

### WE ARE HERE TO LISTEN

Every Tuesday morning from 08:45-11:00 am "Lend a Hand" will be offering a listening service, for Parents/Carers, where you are able to talk about anything that may be affecting your everyday life, without judgement.

Remember even superheroes need help.

For further information or to make an appointment with Erica Blake contact the school office in person or via phone on 0121 783 2148.

## Careers Experience

We are looking for parents, relatives or people you know that would like to talk to our children about the work they do and their careers so far. We are planning a week of special events focused on careers and enterprise and need volunteers to share their experiences with the children. If you are interested in getting involved, please speak to Mr Protherough for further information.

**Need help logging onto Bug Club or have read all of your books and need more added? Just ask Miss Woolaway!**

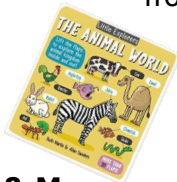


## The Perfect Christmas Gift

If you are looking for ideas of what to give your children this Christmas, here are a few suggestions from us. They are all books we love reading and we hope you will too:

### Jigsaws

The Animal Book (Ruth Martin)  
Slinky Malinki (Lynley Dodd)



### Reception - Ms Boora, Miss Virdee & Mrs Masud

A Squash and a Squeeze (Julia Donaldson)  
We're Going on a Bear Hunt (Michael Rosen)  
You Choose (Pippa Goodheart)



### Year 1 - Miss Parsons, Ms Jones & Miss Bond

Leaf (Sandra Diekmann)  
Inside the Villains (Clotilde Perrin)  
Owl Babies (Martin Waddell)



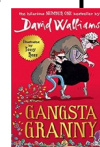
### Year 2 - Miss Paddam, Miss Zaman & Mr Bailey

The Dinosaur That Pooped Christmas (Tom Fletcher)  
Charlie Cook's Favourite Book (Julia Donaldson)  
Bill's New Frock (Anne Fine)



### Year 3 - Miss Brown, Miss Johnson & Mr Natynczuk

The Creakers (Tom Fletcher)  
Gangsta Granny (David Walliams)  
The Little Prince (Antoine De Saint-Exupery)



### Year 4 - Miss Ajaz, Miss O'Connell & Miss Akhter

Moon Man (Toni Ungerer)  
Iron Man (Ted Hughes)  
Street Child (Bertie Doherty)



### Year 5 - Mrs Javid, Mr Merriman & Mr Roberts

Wonder (R J Palacio)  
Artemis Fowl: The Graphic Novel (Eoin Colfer)  
Oranges in No-Man's Land (Elizabeth Laird)



### Year 6 - Mrs Pauley, Mrs Shahnawaz & Mrs McPherson

Alone (D J Brazier)  
The Graveyard Book (Neil Gaiman)  
The Railway Children (Edith Nesbit)



**Or you could choose one of our favourites:**

**Mrs Phillips** - The Ice Monster (David Walliams) **Miss Cameron** - The Giggler Treatment (Roddy Doyle) **Mr Protherough** - The Machine Gunners (Robert Westall), Stormbreaker (Alex Rider) **Miss Matthews** - You are Awesome – (Matthew Syed), Michael Rosen's Book of Very Silly Poems (Michael Rosen) **Mrs Reid-Leonard** - The Jolly Postman (Janet and Allan Ahlberg) **Mrs Key** - Rooftoppers (Katherine Rundell) **Ms Hack** - Nought and Crosses (Malorie Blackman), Cosmic (Frank Cottrell-Boyce), Hansel and Gretel (Anthony Browne)

