

## Dates For Your Diary

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### Reminder:

School starts  
 at **8.45am**

Thank you very much for all your support and donations for our Christmas fayre. We have raised £1563.03 - which will go towards our playground repair funds.



We will be collecting for charity on Friday 1st February for NSPCC Number Days. Pupils can dress with the theme of numbers for a donation. Donations will be split between the very important work of the NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children) and to help with our own school collection for work to be done on repairing our playground.

Martishor Celebration  
 Assembly on  
**Friday 1st March**



DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
Friday 1st February	All	NSPCC Number Day
Monday 4th - Wednesday 6th February	Year 4	Residential trip to Kingswood
Wednesday 6th February	Reception	Traditional Tales Exhibition
Thursday 7th February	Year 2	Parents Reading Workshop
Tuesday 12th February	Year 4 & Year 5/6 electives	Brass Concert
Wednesday 13th February	Year 1	Exhibition
Wednesday 13th February	Year 4	Parents Big Maths Workshop 2.15pm
Thursday 14th February	Selected pupils	Year 6 and Team photographs
Thursday 14th February	ESOL Parents	ESOL Class is Cancelled
<b>Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>
Monday 25th February	All	Pupils return to school at 8.45am
Monday 25th February	Year 6	Parents to School afternoon at 1.30pm
Tuesday 26th February	Year 3	Parents to School afternoon at 1.30pm
Thursday 28th February	Year 1	Parents to School afternoon at 1pm
Monday 4th March	3B	Trip to Fort Lunt
Monday 4th March	RV	Maths Workshop 9am
Tuesday 5th March	Reception	Height, Weight & Hearing Test
Tuesday 5th - Wednesday 6th March	RB	Maths Workshop 9am
Wednesday 6th March	RM	Maths Workshop 9am
Wednesday 6th March	Year 2	Parents to School afternoon at 1pm

## Attendance Update



Did you know that our school attendance has been below national average for a number of years?

Did you know that our persistent absence is above national average? The national average for attendance is 95.8%. The national average for persistent absence is 9.6%

Currently whole school attendance is 94.2%. Currently whole school persistent absence is 16.1%

We are extremely pleased by the progress we are making towards national for whole school attendance. Thanks you for your continued support with this.

However, our persistent absence is extremely high this is largely as a result of term time leave. The fining process is being implemented to tackle this area for development.

Well done to the 396 pupils who are still in the running to win the family prize to Inflata Nation in our Attendance Challenge 20. Keep it up, remember the challenge ends on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019! Good luck!

# Meet The Governors



Emily Brown  
Staff Governor

I enjoy being the Staff Governor as it gives me an opportunity to get more involved in the school; to help make important decisions and be the best it can be for the children who go here.

I am passionate about the success of Blakesley Hall Primary school. I have been privileged to work as a teacher and an assistant head teacher for over ten years and I loved it! I am now the Headteacher of Hall Green Infant and Nursery and hope to share my expertise to support Blakesley Hall.



Janice Wood  
Co-opted Governor

## WINNER



Our art competition winner is Rayhan in 3N. He has received his prize and won a bag full of art supplies.



**YOUNG VOICES**  
The largest school concerts in the world!

Our Blakesley Hall Choir attended the Young Voices 2019 concert on the 23rd January along with 6,366 other primary school children from across Birmingham. They had a fantastic time singing all the songs they'd been learning since October 2018 with all the dance moves. The atmosphere was great and the children represented the school brilliantly. Well done to them for all their hard work and enthusiasm!

"Young voices was a fantastic opportunity for all children to come together and enjoy themselves whilst singing their favourite songs after months of hard work.

We thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the evening and even managed to find the choir. The smile on Hollie's face was priceless throughout the performances and once home also. She has not stopped telling us all about the day. Would love to go back again next year!"

*Hannah Cockerill (Hollie's mum)*

## Attention Parents & Carers

Hello, this is a message from School Council regarding our concerns of the dangerous parking around school at the start and end of the day. Below are some photographs that were taken to show how some cars are parked and the hazards it can cause to children, making it difficult for them to get past the cars on the pavements and the possibly of children getting hit by a car!



This is a real danger to your children and we are asking you to **STOP** and think about where you park or consider walking to school. Think of your children and please support us! We invite parents to get in touch with a member of the Learning Mentor team if you have any more ideas on how to help tackle this problem.

*Thank you School Council*

