



NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1
Wednesday 23rd October
2019

Blakesley Hall Primary School

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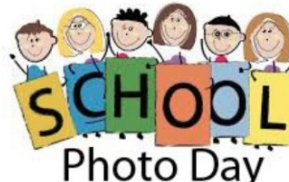
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DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
Friday 25th October	Year 6	Secondary Application Workshop for Parents
Friday 25th October	All	Children break up for the Half-Term
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	All	Half Term Holiday—School Closed
Monday 4th October	All	Children return to School
Tuesday 5th October	All	Photographer in School—Family & Individual Photographs.
Wednesday 6th November	1P, 1V & 1G	Walk to the Local Area
Monday 11th November	Reception	Maths Workshop for Parents at 9am
Wednesday 13th November	All	Flu Vaccination
Wednesday 13th November	Year 2	Maths Workshop for Parents at 9am
Thursday 14th November	Year 3	Parent to School Morning 9am—12.30pm
Thursday 21st November	Year 4	Maths Workshop for Parents at 9am
Thursday 28th November	Year 2	Trip to Think Tank
Thursday 28th November	Year 4	Parent Exhibition at 2.45pm.

Autumn Term 2019	
Mon 2 September	INSET Day (NO children)
Tue 3 September	INSET Day (NO children)
Wed 4 September	School opens for children
28 October – 1 November	Half Term
Mon 4 November	School opens for children
Fri 20 December	Last day of Term
Spring Term 2020	
Mon 6 January	INSET Day (NO children) – Kingfisher Collaboration Conference
Tue 7 January	School opens for children
Friday 31 January	INSET Day (NO children) – Open University Training on Improving Reading
17 – 21 February	Half Term
Fri 3 April	Last day of Term
Summer Term 2020	
Mon 20 April	School opens for children
Fri 24 April	INSET Day (NO children) – Teaching & Learning Training
Fri 8 May	May Day Bank Holiday
25 May – 29 May	Half Term
Mon 1 June	School opens for children
Fri 17 July	Last day of Term

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 you are welcome between 8.15 - 8.40am. If you do not arrive between these times you will miss the opportunity.



**Tuesday 5th
November**

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.



Poppies will be on sale after the half term holiday.



NO NUTS

Please could you ensure that your child does not bring any food to school that contains nuts as we have children in school with severe allergies. This includes the treats you may kindly send in for the class on your child's birthday.



JUNIOR PCSO

Ten children in Year 5 have spent the last 6 weeks training to become our school's Junior Police Community Support Officers. During the training they have learnt the phonetic alphabet, talked about staying safe online, litter picked on the school playground and have been out talking to parents about safer parking around school. Watch this space to find out what projects they will be involved in this year.

We will be holding our annual Christmas Fayre and fun day on Wednesday 11th December, for pupils only. We are asking for donations of good condition toys and games, and any unwanted toiletries, jewellery, bags etc. that can be resold to raise school funds. Thank you for your continued support.



Health and Relationship Education update

Following on from our presentation to parents last term, we will soon be moving onto the next stage of the roadmap we shared during those meetings.

Last term we:

- *held successful parent meetings with all classes across school to discuss the new guidance.
- *became familiar as governors and senior leaders of the content of the new guidance.
- *audited our current practice against the new guidance.

Next half term we will be:

- *holding a **pupil consultation** to find out what our pupils know or think about positive relationships, growing up and being healthy.
- *holding a **parent consultation** so the views of parents and carers can be incorporated into our policy and practice.
- *beginning to **construct a policy** and scheme of work following on from the pupil and parent consultation.

We look forward to consulting with parents so that we can be ready to teach Health and Relationship Education from September 2020.



HARVEST

From the 14th-18th October, we have been collecting food donations as part of our Harvest celebrations in school. All the food collected has been given to St Thomas' Food Bank, Sheldon for distribution to local families in need. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Unfortunately leave in term time is still having an impact on our whole school attendance. Please be aware that should you choose to take your child out of school during term time you may receive a fine.

A great start to the new academic year. Attendance so far has improved compared to the same time last year

Reception	84.4
Year 1	95.1
Year 2	93.9
Year 3	96.0
Year 4	93.8
Year 5	96.5
Year 6	94.9
Overall Attendance	94.9%
All data correct as 18.10.19	

Well done to Year 3 and Year 5 who are already at the national target for attendance, keep it up!

