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Dates for your Diary

**Friday 2nd April –
Friday 16th April 2021**

School closed – Easter

Monday 19th April

School closed – staff training

Tuesday 20th April

Pupils return to school

Monday 3rd May

School Closed – Bank Holiday

Friday 14th May

*Unicef Rights Respecting Day –
(Non Uniform Day)*

Weeks Commencing

Monday 10th May,

Monday 17th May &

Monday 24th May

Year 2, 3, 5 & 6

Parents meeting phone calls

Friday 11th June

School Closed – Staff training

Weeks Commencing

Monday 14th June &

Monday 21st June

**Year 1 & 4*

Parents meeting phone calls

**Sports day (No Parents)*

Week Commencing

Monday 28th June

Jigsaw & Lego

Parents meeting phone calls

Wednesday 21st July

*Last day of school – School
closes for the summer*

THE BLAKESLEY — BULLETIN —

Welcome from the Executive Headteacher



We want to celebrate all that is great about our school and rather than give you more of what you already have on Class DoJo, this half termly news bulletin will help you get to know your school better and hopefully help you feel you are in partnership with us, especially as it looks like it will be a while before you can come into school in the ways you have

enjoyed in the past.

In this bulletin, you will hear from staff in our 'get to know the staff' feature, our pupil leaders will write a feature for each edition. Mr Walmsley, our Curriculum Leader will ensure that you know and understand what your children are learning and Joshua Cronin our Chair of Governors will bring a message from the Board. I hope you enjoy the change in focus and will celebrate with us in creating a safe, secure and successful learning environment for your children.

Please make sure to click on all the live links so you get all the news.

Ms Phillips

Chair of Governors



The last 12 months have been particularly challenging for all of us, some more than others.

One of the things I have missed the most over the last 12 months is seeing how our school community works together. As we look to reconnect with friends, family and loved ones. I am really looking forward to seeing our school community share our lived experience of the last 12 months and how we might work together to build a better and stronger future for all. Best Wishes.

Joshua

Have a wonderful Easter Break and Happy Ramadan. If your Child is in Year 5 & 6 and wishes to fast please respond to the message on SchoolPing.

M E E T T H E S T A F F

Teacher at Blakesley for 31 Years!



Hello to everyone in our Blakesley family. I have worked here for 31 years and I can genuinely say that I would not want to work anywhere else (I think if you cut me in half you would find Blakesley tattooed on my heart).

I love the enthusiasm and commitment of my colleagues and the support of the parents, but most of all I love working alongside our young people. They never cease to amaze me with their love of learning and lust for life. What a privilege it is to be able to work with the adults of the future!

Mrs D.Roberts

Teaching Assistant at Blakesley for 33 Years!



Mrs S.Machin

My name is Mrs Machin and I have worked for Blakesley Hall Primary for 33 years. My two daughters came to Blakesley and it gave them firm foundations to be able to forward their learning and now their careers. You may ask why I have been at Blakesley for so long. The truth is that I just love everything about the school and its caring attitude. The children mean a lot to me and I like to think of them and treat them in the way their parents would approve of. Some things I love about my job:

children have a natural curiosity, a sense of wonder and enthusiasm for play and learning which has a positive effect on all who work with them. Children motivate me to be a better person.

My hope is that in my role I can help children to reach their full potential and help them to feel happier and better about themselves.

Knowing I have helped children to learn something each day brings a huge smile to my face and helps me to sleep better at night.

Attended Blakesley as a pupil



Mrs A.Masud

Fun fact about me – I was a pupil at BHPS! I loved school and knew from an early age I wanted to be a teacher. I went on to do teacher training at Birmingham City University and found my way back to BHPS for my placements and training. Almost 5 years on, I've worked in both Reception and Year 1, two year groups which I'm passionate about. I love teaching because I love seeing

my pupils grow and change. They never cease to amaze me. I feel incredibly lucky and honoured to have this role. One of the biggest challenges I've come across is the targets driven by the government and tick box criteria. Children are people, not targets! Their sense of individuality must be celebrated and encouraged. I wish for more freedom to do this. Alongside being a teacher, I'm a new mum to my 14-month old son Sami and a wannabe cook/baker!

We are glad to have children back to school. We understand that everyone is feeling differently about the return. Some of us are feeling excited but some of us are feeling nervous or anxious.

We are here to listen and help you. If you would like to discuss the return to school, or you feel your child may need extra support at this time, please get in touch. You may contact the Learning Mentor team or your child's class teacher either on Class DoJo or by ringing the school office.

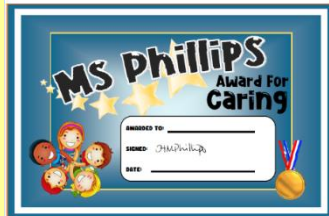
Learning Mentors



Our Values are Important

As a school we decided that the value of caring was a really important focus for us as we came back together on March 8th. We took time to remember all that was good about us a school community after being apart for so long. Caring is who we are. It is something we all have to remember to be at different times, but when we have gone through difficult times as a school community, we have naturally shown care to each other. The children are great at showing care to their friends, to the adults around them and to their learning

environment. They have been encouraged to show care in their work this past month; three pupils from each class have received a nomination from their teacher for being caring.



The staff have been exceptional at caring for each other during lockdown, and I hope that as parents you have known the care we gave you and your

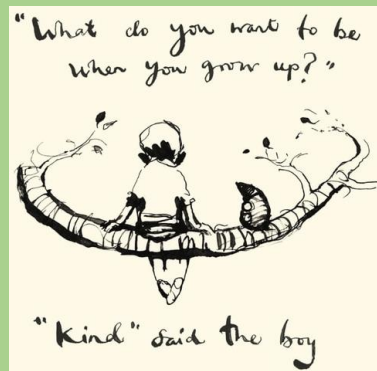


children while you have been at home. The staff have made phone calls, done home visits and distributed food parcels during all three lockdowns, as a leadership team we could not be prouder! When we return on April 20th, our focus will be HOPE for the next half term, exploring what it means to be hopeful during difficult times.

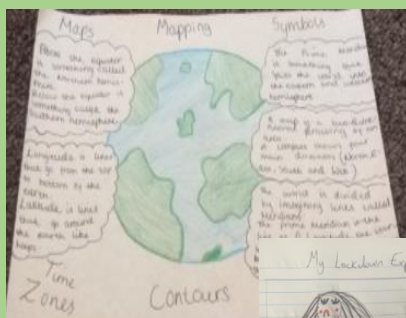
Home Learning

All the staff in school would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the children who took part in such a wide range of home learning activities this term. We would also like to thank all the Parents and Carers for

all your help and support, whether you've persevered with spellings, baked cupcakes with the kids or set up Science experiments in your living room, your support has been **very much appreciated.**



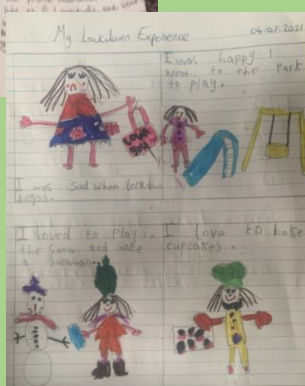
*Picture taken from [The Boy, the mole, the Fox and the Horse](#) by Charlie Mackesy



THANK YOU

School Learning

Mr R. Walmsley



The children have settled very quickly back into school life. They have been a real credit to you and the school community. We've all enjoyed learning about the story the Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse, where we've all learned about caring, friendship and kindness, something we've seen a lot of across society in the past 12 months. The book has been used to deliver a wide range of lessons

including writing, art and even some drama. It has given us all time to reflect upon the importance of how we care for each other...we think the staff have enjoyed it as much as the children! We've also enjoyed celebrating Science Week too, with plenty of great experiments taking place. It really has been a great return to school and we can't wait to carry on this great learning into the summer.

We have published issue 10 of the school blog Blakesley Times. I can't believe we have already created 10 issues. We hope you are enjoying reading them as much as we are enjoying producing them. This issue explores: book month, our book

recommendations based on cross-curricular books, some picture books, Rights Respecting, some work we have completed in school around the Census and the books Year 6 are reading to support their transition to Secondary School.

[Blakesley Blog](#)

Ms R. Watson



We Need Your Help



We believe that our school library is really important and that our children must have access to good quality, up-to-date books. It is also important that our children have a safe space where they are free to make their own choices about what they read (rather than what their teacher wants them to!). This helps them to continue to read for pleasure as they become independent readers. Following several lockdowns, we are in desperate need of books that

are exciting and match the children's interests. We are spending a considerable amount of money on purchasing new reading scheme books but we are asking the school community if it can support us, by donating to our library fundraising

appeal. Any amount that you are able to donate will make a difference and all the children in school will benefit as every child has access to the library. Please click on the link to watch a short video the children have made and to make a donation: [BHPS Library Crowd Funding](#) Also, please share the crowd funder link with friends and family.

Thank You, **Ms Hack**



Aleena 6M



I would like to say welcome back to the pupils of Blakesley Hall. I hope that everyone is safe and comfortable. It's so exciting for everyone to be at school and ready to learn! Now that we are back in school, we can reunite with our

friends and teachers and once again we can all be together as one big happy Blakesley family. Remember if you are sad, there are always people that you can speak to. As your Head Girl I am more than happy to speak to anyone to help support your return to school.



Welcome from our Head Boy & Girl

Welcome all, we are finally back, now it's time to get back on track. **Being in lockdown has been hard, only being able to play in our backyard.**

It's nice to see friendly faces, and also be in familiar places. **Working together is what we need to do, including everyone all of you.**

Let's make this year the best yet, make it memorable so we never forget. **Let's work hard and have lots of fun, and once again welcome everyone.**

Rizwan 6W