

Blakesley Hall School

Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2013/14

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This month's value word is **Thoughtfulness** - Kind and considerate regard for others

DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
30th January	3T	Maths workshop for Parents (09.05 - 10.10am)
31st January	Year 1	Visit to Blakesley Hall Museum (10 - 12am)
4th February	All	Photographer in School
11th February	All	Internet Safety Day
13th February	All	Building Learning Power Open Afternoon for Parents (2 - 4pm)
14th February	All	Children break up for half-term
17th - 21st February	All	February Half-term
24th February	All	Children return to school after half term
14th April - 25th April	All	Easter Holidays



We had Aladdin pantomime in School.

The children absolutely loved it, they were all fully engaged throughout the show. Paid for by the money raised from the Christmas Fayre 2012.

YEAR 2 FUND RAISING

Year 2 presented the charity THE VIP TREATMENT from the QE hospital with a cheque for £381.00

The charity helps young adults 16 - 24 & children who have cancer with things such as making treatment rooms child friendly, games, toys, special themed nights and all children receive a present after their treatment for being so brave. Every year group support a different charity - ask your child about it.



WEBSITE NEWS—You can follow us on twitter @BHPS_1



Bike Right 'Cycle for Life'

This is an organisation that works with people to promote and improve cycling. It is for beginners as well as those who can cycle (but haven't done for a while).

It is FREE and all equipment will be provided.

If you are interested whether its cycling for fun, to get fit or to keep up with the children, then please ask at the office for either Tina or Ishia (Learning Mentors).

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

THANK YOU to all parents, staff and children for taking part in our Christmas Fayre, we raised £1,538.16 which will go towards educational resources, trips and other events for Blakesley Hall children.



HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE

From Mrs Maggie Hart and
Miss Lynne Skermer
(Your Traffic Attendants)
A BIG THANK YOU to all for
our Christmas cards and
presents.
Thank You
Be Safe While Crossing The
Road!!!



Blakesley Sports Update

During this term there are going to be lots of opportunities to take part in competitive sports for years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

There is a sports notice board located outside Mr Day's classroom with a list of competitions.

If your child is interested in taking part in one of the events then please get them to sign their names next to the event of their choice.

However, please be aware that there are limited spaces for each competition. Some of the events are taking place after school hours and if your child chooses to take part in one of these events then we expect you to collect your child from the location the event is taking place at.



- Mr Day.

ATTENDANCE

Dear Parents,

Firstly the good news. Our whole school attendance last term was 94.9% which is just a fraction below our target. I would like to thank you all for your support in helping to achieve this and ask that you keep up the excellent work this term.

On the other hand there were 1155 late arrivals to school last term. This is a very high number and I would urge parents to ensure they are at school on time every day. Simple changes like leaving home 10 minutes earlier, especially when it is cold or wet, can make a huge difference.

So remember - be on time: 5 to 9!!

- Mr Mason



PHOTOGRAPHERS

We have the photographers in on
Tuesday 4th February for
individual children and family
photos. If you want family photos
with younger siblings please be at
school for 8am.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Change of details

As you are aware this term there has been a bad bout of sickness going around the school. Unfortunately on some occasions it has proved very difficult to contact parents due to telephone numbers not being updated. It is very important that you contact the school when you have changes in your telephone numbers or any other contacts listed for your child

BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS

Now that the weather has changed, there is always a chance that snow may come upon us.

We provide as many different ways as possible to get messages to you:-

The school website which is updated daily
www.blakesley.bham.sch.uk

Listen to local radio stations Heart FM 100.7fm, Free Radio 96.4fm or log onto their websites for a full list of school closures

Call the school telephone number 0121 783 2148 where a message will tell you if school is open. This is updated daily by Office staff. Please note that this number may be busy for a while with parents ringing.

Thank You Parents



I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who have attended our Times Tables Workshops.

Your interest and support is greatly appreciated and it really makes a difference to your child's learning in maths.

Mrs Salt.

JOIN US AND ENJOY LOW COST TRAINING FEES

Are You Interested in Learning Karate?

Welcome To

Kenshin Shotokan Karate Club

at Stechford Swimming Baths (Cascades)
Station Road, Stechford
Tel: 0121 464 5596

Requirement: You must be age 6 and above
We operate a continuous beginner's programme

What to do next? Book your place on the next Friday/Sunday Session
Ring: 07966 372842

Training takes place on:

- Fridays: 6 pm - 7 pm (Beginners - Red belts)
- Fridays: 7 pm - 8 pm (Yellow - Black belts)
- Sundays: 1 pm - 2 pm (Beginners - Red belts)
- Sundays: 2 pm - 3 pm (Yellow - Black belts)

AFFORDABLE KARATE ONLY 1 INCREASE IN TRAINING FEES SINCE 2001!

PAY AS YOU GO



BUILDING LEARNING POWER

Open afternoon on Thursday 13th February

@ 2 - 4pm

All Parents/Carers welcome.

your
views

What would you like to see on the monthly Blakesley Hall newsletter or on the School notice boards? Jot down your thoughts below and drop it off to the school office.

Comments: