

# Blakesley Hall School

## Newsletter

Summer Term 2 2013/14

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This month's value word is **Respect** - being kind and gentle towards someone or something.

DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
10th - 12th June	Reception	Visit to Ash End Farm
13th June	Year 6	School photographs of Year 6 pupils only
16th - 20th June	All	Parent Teacher conversations
20th June	Year 6	Loudmouth Theatre visiting
25th June	All	Choir Concert (4 - 5pm)
30th June - 4th July	All	Parent Teacher conversations
1st July	4W	Violin/Cello Concert
7th - 11th July	All	Sports Week
7th July	Rec, Year 1 & 2	Sports Day
8th July	Year 3 & 4	Sports Day
8th - 10th July	Year 3	Visit to Harry Moseleys Charity Shop
9th July	Year 5 & 6	Sports Day
10th July	KS2	Road to Rio World Cup Fundraising Event
14th - 15th July	Year 4	Residential
15th July	Year 6	Leavers' Play
18th July	All	Children break up for the Summer Holiday
22nd July - 29th August	All	Summer Holiday
1st September	All	INSET Day - Teacher Training
2nd September	All	Children return to school



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW SCHOOL NURSE

Hi, I'm Marie the New School Nurse. I would love to meet parents in particular, any parents who have health worries about their child/ren. I will be running a drop in clinic every Tuesday mornings 8.45am to 10.45am. Everyone is welcome to pop by and discuss any issues or concerns you may have. Please ask for me at the School Office. I look forward to meeting you all.

**WEBSITE NEWS—You can follow us on twitter @BHPS\_1**



## Arrival of Hens

This term the children are learning about keeping hens, while we have 2 hens on hire from a farm. We are already having an egg from each hen everyday and some children are using these to make cakes which they are making to sell to the other children on Fridays.

The children have named them Ann and Marie.

## OUTDOOR LEARNING

The children have been busy in our 'Kitchen Garden Area' and we now have runner beans, potatoes, tomatoes, sprouts, raspberries and strawberries planted and growing.

We have also made a wild flower bed and are looking forward to seeing what is going to grow from the seeds we had from BBC country file (with thanks to Kew Gardens in London) with the red poppy seeds that we have planted commemorating 100 years since the start of the Great war.



## RAMADAN

If children in KS2 want to fast in Ramadan, Parents must provide letter of permission to the class teacher by next Friday 13th June.

- Mrs Phillips



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### **Change of details**

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.

## **Change of Pupil Meals**

You can now inform us of meal changes from sandwiches to dinners or dinners to sandwiches at anytime, for the meals to

## Assessments and Tests

Congratulations to Year 6 on all their hard work in completing their SATs tests in reading, grammar & maths. They are still working towards completing writing assessments.

Year 2 - have done very well in completing their end of key stage tests and should finish writing this week.

Reception will be doing assessments over the next couple of weeks and

Year 1— have their phonics screening in a few weeks also.



We would like to share some of the highlights of our recent visitor Mr Henry Winkler aka "The Fonz"

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## Happy Days for students

PUPILS enjoyed Happy Days when the actor best known as The Fonz visited a Birmingham school.

Henry Winkler - handed an honorary OBE for his work to help dyslexic British kids - dropped in at Blakesley Hall Primary in Stechford.

The visit was part of the 2014 First News My Way! Schools tour, in partnership with education charity Achievement for All.

The initiative aims to help children with learning difficulties by emphasising the qualities of every youngster.

Achievement for All is working with more than 2,000 schools around the country which are improving progress in reading, writing and maths for vulnerable and disadvantaged pupils.

Winkler, who is dyslexic himself, told pupils: "How you learn has nothing to do with how smart you are."

Henry Winkler, alias the Fonz, with head teacher Heather Phillips and pupils at Blakesley Primary School, Yardley





## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Parent/Teacher conversations—Summer Term

We will be running conversations with your child's class teacher similar to last term. In response to the parent survey last year we want to make the conversations you have about your child meaningful and helpful. By next week you will know when your meetings are due to take place. We will try as hard as possible to give at least two weeks' notice and provide you with an opportunity to change to a time that best suits you. We are still in the process of refining the system so that every parent/carer gets a quality conversation lasting about half an hour because we feel its important.

We would welcome your feedback.

End of Year Report will come home on Monday 14th July, they will be shorter because of the longer conversations you will already have had with your child's teacher.

