

Dates For Your Diary

Our Value Word this month is **EMPATHY**- have the ability to understand and share the feelings of another.

DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
Friday 18th December	All	School finishes for Christmas Celebrations
Monday 4th January	All	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5th January	All	Children return to school
Wednesday 13th January	Choir	Genting Arena for 'Young Voices Concert'



The choir went on a visit to the Queen Elizabeth hospital on Friday 4th December to sing Christmas carols. They were raising money for the hospitals Christmas Campaign charity through the joy of singing. The charity aims to spread Christmas cheer to those people who have to spend Christmas day at the hospital. The choir sang for a whole hour non-stop and did an amazing job raising lots of money! We are so proud of their perseverance and enthusiasm, well done!

Reception Intake 2016

Do you have a child who was born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012?

If so, it is important that you apply online for your child's Reception class place for September 2016 by 15 January 2016.

For further information and to apply online please visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions, alternatively contact a member of the Children's Information and Advice Service on 0121 303 1888.



Proud Point Winners for Exceptional Behaviour

Congratulations to Erum RR, Ramyar RA, Aliza RD, Abdulkhakeem 1B, Hamud 1A, Maavia 2G, Kadeem 3D, Kandace 3J, Abubakr 3O, Destiny 4O, Jemimma 4W, Illum 4R, Ahyaan 5C, Zahrah 5A, Coy 6SM, and Iqra 6H, for working very hard this year and becoming Proud Point winners.

A Special congratulations goes to

Georgina 6P, Jaden 2B, Adnan 5B, Moise 1T and Affan 2S who have been top Proud Point achievers for the second term running.

The children were all rewarded with a trip out with Mrs Phillips and they had a fantastic time on the golf course at Star City.



Attendance Celebration

A **HUGE CONGRATULATIONS** to the following classes and their parents for winning the highest attending class for the following weeks:

Week Beginning	KS1	KS2
16/11/15	RR – 98%	6SM – 100%
23/11/15	2B - 98%	3D & 3J – 98.6%
30/11/15	1B – 98.6%	3O – 98.67%
07/12/15	1T – 98.6%	6H – 99.4%

Attendance Facts

'At primary school, pupils who miss just 14 days of schooling between the age of 7 and 11 are **25% LESS** likely to achieve Exceeding, in literacy and numeracy, than those with **NO** absence'. This is **ONLY 3.5 days per year**.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our Christmas Fayre has been a huge success this year and we have raised a grand total of £1,024.98

Thanks to everyone involved in the organisation and thank you very much for all your kind donations, the children had a fantastic day.

MENTORING CORNER

This month the children in Year6 have been working in their Mentoring handbooks focusing on Aspirations. They have all enjoyed sharing their future goals and aspirations with their Mentors.

In January, Mentors will be meeting with each individual Mentee on a weekly basis. This increased level of support will aim to keep the Mentees focused.

We are also going to be holding 'Meet your child's Mentor' sessions so that Parents/Carers can meet their child's Mentor and talk about the programme.

"You can do
what I cannot
do. I can do
what you
cannot do.
Together we can
do great
things."

– Mother Teresa

Winter Weather Advice

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.