

## Dates For Your Diary

Our Value Word this month is **UNITY**—being different—belonging together.

DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
Tuesday 23rd February	Year 2	Fire Service visit—Large hall (children only)
Friday 12 February	Whole school	Half Term Holiday
Monday 22 February	Whole school	Children return to school
From 29 February - to 10 March	Whole school	AFA—Parent meeting
Spring 2	Year 5	Residential trip

## SCHOOL DINNERS



A quick reminder for Parents with children in KS2, School dinner money is £10.50 per week. If you would like to change your child from school meals to sandwiches or sandwiches to school meals, **please inform the school office before the start of a new week to avoid any unnecessary charges.**



## TIME OUT

Time out (Lunchtime withdrawal) is a consequence for poor playground behaviour, this was a sanction implemented by the pupils. The Autumn term saw an increase in the number of children attending these sessions which was very disappointing. As a result of this, in an attempt to promote more positive playtimes an additional sanction has been set up.

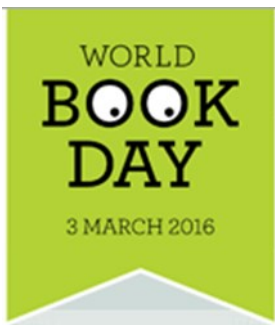
Should your child attend 'Time Out' for three sessions parents will receive a warning letter. If your child attends 'Time Out' for five sessions they will receive lunchtime exclusions for up to five days- this will mean that parents will have to collect their children from school each day at the start of lunch and return them to school for their afternoon learning. We ask that all parents can continue to talk to their children about the importance of positive behaviour both inside and outside of the classroom.



Charity  
Number  
Day



Year 5 & 6 charity day which is Number Day on Friday 5th February. Children will be dressing up 'number' themed and raising money for the NSPCC. Look out for mathematical activities around school on Friday 5th February to raise money for the NSPCC! Please send change in with your child on the day, thanks for your support.



As part of the world book day celebrations on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March all children and staff will be dressing up as their favourite book character. On this day we will be encouraging children to bring their favourite book to school to share with their class.



### Rights Respecting School

We are working towards becoming a 'Rights Respecting School'. Over the last few months we have been sharing the Rights of the Child through assemblies. Please take some time to talk to your children about their rights and what they mean for them.



### Article 2

All children have rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what their parents do, what language they speak, what their religion is, whether they are a boy or girl, what their culture is, whether they have a disability, whether they are rich or poor. No child should be treated unfairly.

### Sports news

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Indoor Athletics Competition.

It was a huge victory for Blakesley as we came in first with 488 points. This success means the team will now go on to the Winter sports games .



# Attendance Celebration

We would like to **congratulate** the children in the following classes and their parents for winning **Best Attending Class**.

**Our whole school attendance target is 96%. Last term we reached 95.09%.**

We are so close to reaching the National Average for Attendance and know you will support us by bringing your children to school every day and on time. It is surprising 'what a difference a day makes' to your children's education and future dreams.

Week Beginning	KS1	KS2
07/12/15	1T— 98.6%	6H— 99.4%
14/12/15	1B—95%	5B—98% & 5C—98.3%
04/01/16	RR—99.2%	6SM—99.2%
11/01/16	2S—98%	6SM—98%

## Attendance Facts

'In September 2015 the Government changed **persistent absence from 15% to 10%**.

If your child's attendance is below **90%**, they are now listed as a child with PERSISTENT ABSENCE!



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](http://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.

### Information from a parent for your information

#### [Kebire Foundation for Relief & Development-UK\(KFRD-UK\)](#)

The aim of the Trustee is to fulfil the role of Kebire Foundation for Relief & Development to work in a variety of charitable causes worldwide. The primary focus of the organisation is to help relieve the suffering of the destitute Eritreans in Eritrean refugee Camps both in Sudan and Ethiopia.

#### Kebire Activities

- ◆ Collecting donations from Masajid
- ◆ Raising funds on the streets
- ◆ Collecting and selling unwanted clothes, shoes and other items
- ◆ Charity bazaar
- ◆ Collecting Zakat, Qurbani and general donations from donors

#### Seasonal Projects

- ◆ Provides Iftar Sayem (food for those who fast Ramadan)
- ◆ Provides food supply during the holy month of Ramadan
- ◆ Organize Zakatul-Fitr
- ◆ Distributes Zakatul-Mal
- ◆ Distributes Eid Dressing
- ◆ Distributes Eid Sweets

#### Sponsoring Orphans

For different reasons, many refugees have lost either both or one of their parents. Kebire Foundation sponsors over 120 orphans across the Sudan. Kebire Foundation is making its appeal to sponsor orphans for £20 each. There are folders and application forms available.

For further information or to make donations contact [kebireuk@gmail.com](mailto:kebireuk@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.kebire-foundation.org](http://www.kebire-foundation.org)