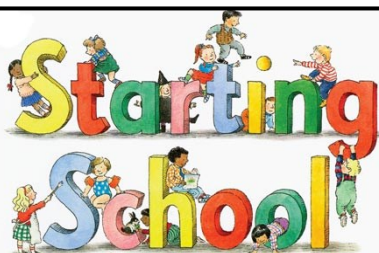


Our Value Word this month is **Respect** - treating people with kindness.

Dates For Your Diary



Reception 2018

If you have a child due to start Reception in September 2018 we would like to invite you to our open day on Thursday 16th November 2017 from 9.15am-12.00pm. Please feel free to come and meet with our staff and have a look around our school.

WANTED

Any unwanted gifts, teddy bears and cuddly toys for the teddy tombola stall at the Christmas Fayre. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.



DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
Friday 10 November	RV	Visit to the Think Tank
Monday 13th November	Rec, Y 1 & 2	Parent Internet Safety Workshop (9.10am - 9.45am)
Wednesday 15 November	Y5	Science Afternoon at Cockshut Hill School
Monday 20 November	Y 3, 4, 5, 6	Parent Internet Safety Workshop (9.10am - 9.45am)
Friday 24 November	Y6	Parents & Mentors Coffee Afternoon (2.30pm - 3.15pm)
Monday 27 November	Rec, Y 1, 2, 3, 4	Nasal Flu Vaccination
Monday 27 November - Friday 1 December	All	Parent - Teacher Meeting
Thursday 30 November	Y 5, 6	Maths Workshop (9am - 11am)
Thursday 30 November	Rec	Language Workshop (9am - 9.45am)
Tuesday 12 December	Y 2	Trip to Cadbury World
Tuesday 12 December	Rec	Nativity Play (9.30am)
Wednesday 13 December	All children only	Christmas fayre
Thursday 14 December	Y 2	Trip to Cadbury World
Tuesday 19 December	Y 1 & 2	Christmas Assembly (9.05am)
Tuesday 19 December	Y 6	Parent workshop (9.15am - 10.15am)
Tuesday 19 December	Y 6 children only	Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 December	Y 5	VE Day Party
Thursday 21 December	Y 3, 4, 5, 6	Christmas Assembly (9.05am)
Friday 22 December	All	Last day of school
Monday 25 December - Friday 5 January 2018	All	Christmas Holiday
Monday 8 January 2018	All	INSET Day - No school for children
Tuesday 9 January 2018	All	Children return to school

Please donate **shop bought** sweets, chocolates and cakes for our Christmas Fayre.



REMEMBER



School meals cost £11.50 per week, per child. Please ensure you make your payment on a Monday morning. If you would like to change your choice of meals, please let the office know the week before to avoid any unnecessary charges.





Year 5 went on a trip to Coventry Transport Museum and the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum. We learnt all about Coventry at War, and even took part in an Evacuee Experience! We had a look at a real bomb that was used in the war, and saw the old Cathedral that had been partly destroyed. It was an excellent day and the children learnt a lot of new things about the war.

YEAR 5 TRIP

On Friday 20th October, Year 6 visited the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas. We learned all about what life was like as an evacuee in the Second World War and read lots of different diary entries and letters from children who were evacuated. In the afternoon, we had a guided tour of the grounds and even took part in a special act of remembrance. The weather was beautiful and we have all taken home some special memories of the day!

YEAR 6 TRIP



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.

Reception enjoyed their visit to the Thinktank this week. They particularly enjoyed looking at old modes of transport, going on the hamster wheel in the science garden and making cranes and diggers out of Lego! An exceptionally fun experience

Reception



Thank you for supporting us with our Harvest collection. The staff at St Thomas' Church Foodbank were really pleased to receive such a large number of donations.

Harvest Donations



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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.

It is now getting colder and the children need to bring/wear a coat to School. Please make sure your children leave home fully equipped with everything they need for the day e.g. Packed Lunch, Water Bottles, PE Kits etc. We are having to disturb children's learning throughout the day to pass on forgotten items.

Books Going Missing!!!

Last year we invested over £5,000 on exciting and more challenging books. This included:

- ◆ Books for children to read at home
- ◆ Interesting books for the library
- ◆ A varied range of books for class libraries

We know how much BHPS children enjoy reading - one Y6 pupil was recently spotted reading Shakespeare whilst munching on his lunch in the dinner-hall!

We want to encourage you and your children to read and borrow books from school but **can we please ask you to look at home for any books that need to be returned to school.** If books are returned it means that more children can enjoy reading them and there are plenty to go round.



The LEARNING MENTOR TEAM

Did you know that we are able to support you and your child?

We can support with:

- ♦ Bereavement
- ♦ Signposting to other agencies
- ♦ School nurse
- ♦ Whole family involvement through an Early Help Assessment (EHA)
- ♦ Building your child's confidence and self esteem



If you would like to speak to one of us, please contact the School office and ask for Nikki, Tina or Maria.



School Council will be collecting donations for this year's Children in Need appeal on Friday 17th November. They will be in the playground at the end and the start of the school day.

We are hoping to organise a community event in the Spring Term. We will be asking local agencies to come in and share with parents the role of their service in the community. Do you work for a local organisation that would be able to support us? Please contact Nikki or Tina on the Learning Mentor Team.

Asda Food Explorers Club has started this week for our Year 6 pupils. Places have already been allocated for this half term.

Please may we remind parents to be mindful of where you park when dropping off and collecting your children. Please do not park outside the road leading up to the entrances of the school, as they are residential areas and can cause a lot of inconvenience.



If you would like to place an order for your child(rens) school photograph please hand it to the school office by Friday 17th November. If sent any later you will incur a late fee.

Photographs

Online Safety/Safeguarding Tip

Some social networks appear to be designed for younger audiences. Always read the terms and conditions of use and ensure you are happy and comfortable with what they say. Most allow you to upload pictures but they may then take ownership of them and allow others to use them freely. Always think about what you put online and what others could do with it because once it's online, it will probably be there forever!

Punctuality

School Starts

08:45	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Doors Open (5 Proud Points)	
08:50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
On Time (2 Proud Points)	
08:55	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Formal Learning Begins	

As usual all external doors will be locked shut at 09:05am. Any pupils who arrive at or after 09:05am will have to be walked all the way round to our school's Main Office to be signed in manually. It is important that all children are in school ready to learn at 8.55am. Lessons start at 8.55am - it disturbs everyone when children come into a class. If your child is late everyday it means that they are missing the start of the same lesson—this is affecting the progress of too many children in English & Maths. Please make every effort to get your children here on time and collect them on time at 3.15pm. We understand that occasionally things happen which make you late but please, for the sake of your child's learning regular and punctual attendance is something that must be a priority. I look forward to celebrating all improvements with children.

Thank You, Mrs Phillips

School Ends

15:15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hometime (Doors Open)	
15:25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pupils moved inside.	
15:30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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