



NEWSLETTER

Spring 1
Wednesday 29th January
2020

Blakesley Hall Primary School

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DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
Wednesday 5th February	Year 1	Phonics Workshop for Parents (9am)
Friday 7th February	All	NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 11th February	Reception	Exhibition for Parents (2pm)
Thursday 13th February	Year 5	Exhibition for Parents (2.30pm)
Friday 14th February	All	Children break up for half term holiday (12.45pm)
Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February	All	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 25th February	Year 1	Freshwater Theatre Workshop in School
Monday 2nd March	3J	Visit to Lunt Fort
Wednesday 4th March	Year 4	Parent to School session (9am - 12pm)
Wednesday 4th March	3K	Visit to Lunt Fort
Thursday 5th March	3B	Visit to Lunt Fort
Wednesday 11th March	Reception	Parents to School session (9am - 11.30am)
Thursday 12th March	Selected Pupils	Visit to NEC for The Big Bang Science Fair
Tuesday 17th March	Year 5	Parent to School session (9am - 12.30pm)
Wednesday 18th March	Year 2	Phonics Workshop for Parents (9am)

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher meetings will take place on Tuesday 31st March & Wednesday 1st April. Please book a time slot for your child via the School Ping App. Appointments will go live on Friday 28th February. Any issues with booking appointments via the app please contact the school office.

Parents
Evening

Reminder
School closed for
pupils on Friday
31st January

Number Day 2020 Friday 7th February

Children are encouraged to dress up in anything number themed. We ask for a donation of £1 that will be split between school fund and the NSPCC. We look forward to seeing lots of number themed outfits!

Please be advised that children shouldn't be leaving school before the end of the teaching day (3.20pm Monday to Thursday and 12.45pm on Friday). Unless you have a prior agreed arrangement. Please do not arrive early to collect children, it causes significant disruption to the classroom teaching.

Ms Phillips

Executive Headteacher



Parental Engagement

This year so far has seen a huge increase in parental engagement across the curriculum from Reception to Year Six. Thankyou for your continued support of the school and your children.

Family learning sessions continue to be a huge success and are attended always fully subscribed. These sessions are a fantastic opportunity for parents and children to work together on a range of activities. Have you attended any sessions? Look out for the letter for sessions next half term and sign up for you and your child.

Welcome to our Family Link Workers Rabbia & Leann. Please pop into school to catch up with them (in the Community Hub) they are available onsite in the afternoon on a Tuesday and some Friday mornings. They have some exciting sessions planned for parents - Don't miss out!

This term a selection of pupils in Year Two have been involved in an exciting project based on the Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr. Children and parents have been working together to produce some fantastic work. A huge thank you to everyone who is attending, it will make a huge difference to the learning of your child.



Hello, my name is Mr Edwards. I will be taking over P.E due to Miss Wilcox's departure. I am excited to see what the school has to offer as well as getting to know the children and staff. I am a strong believer in keeping active and looking after yourself.

My vision for this school is to increase the enjoyment and participation of sport in the school as well as increase children's fitness and knowledge on different variety of sports and I will also be running set challenges for the children to get involved in. I see myself as a fair and positive person with a growth mind set and I am looking forward to becoming part of the school and if you see me around don't be afraid to say hello.



Hello and Welcome

Our names are Rabbia Minhas and Leann Bryan, we are both Parent Link Support Officers here at Blakesley Hall Primary School. Our roles are to engage with parents and carers and to offer support and advice, where there is a need.

Currently we are organising special events and workshops and to build our school community and to get parents more involved with the life of the school. We will be running a job search and CV building club, regular coffee mornings, a Parent Forum team and to further raise awareness of both men and women's general health and well-being. In the near future we are planning to offer basic first aid training for parents and also self-defense classes.

If you are interested in any of the upcoming events, please get in touch with us via Class Dojo or you can find us in the playground before and after school. To find out more about the exciting opportunities that are on offer, or if you require any support and advice, please join us at one of the upcoming coffee mornings. Look

out for the reminders and invites on Class Dojo 😊

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Rabbia and Leann



Parent Link Support Officers

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:

Change in Weather

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.



Be Internet Legends Assembly!

We were lucky enough to have a visit from Google's Parent Zone to learn all about online safety. Everyone had great fun and learnt a lot about staying safe online.



Well done School Council who organised a Tea and Treats morning for all staff. They raised £62 that will go towards school fund. Thank you everyone for your support and your generosity.

School Council

All Booster sessions have now started in Year 6 to give the children even more practice and test preparation. Can I please thank all Parents and Carers for your support at this very busy time of year. Afternoon sessions start straight after school and end at 4:30pm. Please continue to collect your child from the main office. Morning sessions start at 8:00am sharp. If your child has a morning Booster session can you please support us by ensuring that they are here on time.

Can you please note that on **THURSDAY 30th JANUARY** there will be no Booster sessions. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Week Commencing **03/02/20** will be Year 6 Assessment Week. Can you please encourage your children to go to bed early and have some breakfast.

Thank you all for your continued support, please continue to encourage your child to complete all homework tasks.

There will be a residential this year, details will follow later. **Year 6**

Year 2 have had a very busy Autumn Term full of lots of learning and fun! To link with our Birmingham City Centre topic, we went to Think Tank at Millennium Point. They particularly enjoyed exploring the Mini Brum area.

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who have attended our Maths workshops and Parent to School Mornings, we really appreciate your time to join in on your children's learning.



So far this half term, we have learnt about the Great Fire of London. The children are now very confident at explaining why the fire spread so quickly.

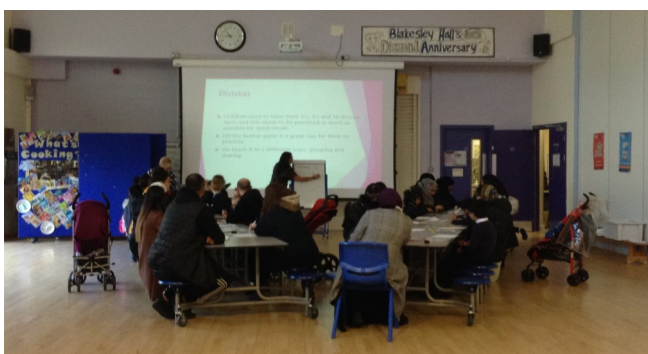
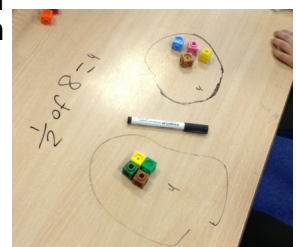
In English, the children have been very enthused about our text, 'A Tale of Two Beasts', they have really enjoyed writing letters.

In Maths, we have been learning to find fractions of amounts. Tricky stuff!

Some of us went to the Town Hall to watch 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. Everyone enjoyed the show even though some of us got wet!

Well done Year 2 on your hard work so far, keep it up!

Year 2



REMINDERS

Please make sure your child comes prepared for school every morning with their Packed Lunches, PE Kit, Instrument, Snacks and Drinks. There has been an increasing amount of disruption to classes. Any item brought to the school office throughout the day will not be passed to the class until lunch time and item brought in after 12pm will not be accepted.

Dinner money needs to be paid in advance by Monday morning. If your Childs meal is not paid for in advance you will be required to provide your child with a packed lunch. All outstanding dinner money balance needs to be paid immediately.



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.

Attendance Update

Reception	82.7%
Year 1	92.6%
Year 2	93.9%
Year 3	94.8%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	94.6%
Overall Attendance	94.2%
Data correct as of 24.01.20	

Well done to 5C and 3K who are already at national target for attendance, Keep it up! A huge congratulations to the 103 pupils who have excellent attendance, they have been here every single day since September!

Did you know, 17% children have attendance of less than 90%. Unfortunately, persistent absence (attendance of 90% or less) is still having a huge impact on our whole school attendance. As a result, we have started the process of fining families when pupils are persistently absent. This year so far **two** of our families have been taken to court and will receive a Penalty Notice and have to pay a fine. Please be aware that should you choose to allow your child's attendance to fall below 90% each parent could receive a fine.

97%-100%	Excellent
94%-96.99%	Good
90%-93.99%	Cause for Concern
Below 90%	Serious Concern

Wow!!!! 413 pupils are still in the running to win the 30-day challenge this is really impressive; will it be you? Next term will see the introduction of lots of fantastic incentives to promote good attendance. Don't forget there will also be an **End of term Attendance prize** for most *improved* attendance. The winners of this prize will get the opportunity to take part in an exciting event with our Head of School - Mr Protherough.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

**Online Safety
Top Tip!**

Evaluating information and being critical of information found online.

Most children use the internet to improve and develop their knowledge in relation to schoolwork and personal interests. Children should be aware that not all information found online is correct, accurate or relevant. Show your child how to check information they find by comparing it to alternative sources on the same topic. Show them trusted sites they can use to compare information. Sites like www.bbc.co.uk, would be a good starting point.

On Tuesday 14th January, 4P performed in their first ever brass concert, along with children in Year 5 and 6 brass electives. They performed several pieces, including an excellent rendition of Abba's Mamma Mia! It was wonderful to share the children's hard work with so many parents, carers and other family members. We look forward to welcoming you to our next concert in the Summer Term.

**Year 4
Brass
Concert**