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Dates for your Diary

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

School Closed – Half-term

Monday 7th June

Pupils return to school

Friday 11th June

School Closed – Staff training

Weeks Commencing

Monday 14th June &

Monday 21st June

**Sports day (No Parents)*

Wednesday 21st July

*Last day of school – **School closes at 12.45pm** for the*

Chair of Governors



It has been a busy half term for governors who continue to support the

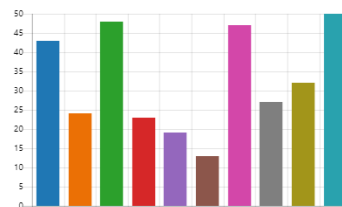
school both remotely and making visits in person. We have been really pleased to hear how well the children have settled into school since returning from the previous lockdown and how hard they continue to work. More visits are planned for the final half term of the year to come and see the great work in action!

Joshua

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Our new school values

Respect
Caring (Kindness)
Honesty
Unity
Perseverance
Appreciation

Staff, children and governors have voted and came up with our TOP 6 values from the many values we believe are important to live by. It was a hard thing to do and we had some good conversations about who we are as a school community. Not only who we are, but who we will work hard to be. When surveyed, we agreed that when we are at our best we are:

Supportive and caring

A team!

Best when we are working together

Dedicated, united, we work together and help each other

Ambitious, kind and innovative

Driven to do what's best for all the children!

Blakesley Hall Primary School, truly an amazing place to work and to learn! The value of hope did not make it to the short list but it is something we have lived by since we returned after lockdown. We work together in **hope** – having a positive outlook, a positive mindset that things will change for the better. Look out in the next bulletin for our new school vision statement - we are coming out of this pandemic stronger, braver and brighter.

Ms Phillips

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Senior Office Manager

My name is Elaine Walsh and I am the Senior Office Manager. I have worked at Blakesley Hall School for over 20 years. I have met lots of wonderful pupils and colleagues during this time and enjoy the

friendly atmosphere that we have at Blakesley Hall. My role in school is very varied and includes responsibility for managing the school office, buildings and facilities and looking after the school finances and personnel.

Mrs Walsh



Teaching Assistant - Reception



An interesting fact - I was once a pupil at BHPS along with my younger sister. After leaving secondary school I went to college and gained my NNEB diploma. I worked at a private day care nursery as a senior nursery nurse with 2-3yr olds for 5 years. After having several other jobs, I applied for a job at BHPS and was lucky enough

to join the Blakesley family in January 2006. I've worked here for 15 years as a Teaching Assistant in Reception. It's not without its challenges but working with our youngest learners is truly amazing. Supporting our children to feel confident, safe and secure in their learning, leaving Reception as independent learners is a great privilege indeed!

Mrs Crisp - Reception Teaching Assistant

I'd never stepped foot in Birmingham until two years ago, when I moved from my lovely little hometown of Lancaster to this huge Second City. I needn't have worried about city life - you have all welcomed me so warmly and made me feel a part of our Blakesley community. At Blakesley, we take risks to improve our learning and better ourselves, as part of our efforts in developing a Growth Mindset. Taking risks in lessons can be daunting as we fear the possibility of making a mistake,

but my journey to Birmingham shows that taking a risk often pays off, with big rewards. So thank you, Blakesley community, for your kindness and warmth in welcoming us newcomers - staff, children and families alike - to this friendly, vibrant and diverse city. *What risk will you take in order to better yourself this summer?*

Miss Choi - Year 3 Teacher

Teacher - Year 3



I have worked at Blakesley Hall Primary for 13 years. My role is Personal Assistant to Ms Phillips, Executive Headteacher of two schools. Part of my role is to ensure that Ms Phillips is as organised and effective in her role as possible. I liaise with many different people in different settings both within school and outside. The variety that my job brings allows me to use my experienced communication skills and

developed professional knowledge. I have strong organisational skills and this allows me to help the Leaders keep all of the plates spinning at once. I love my job at Blakesley, no two days are the same and I feel that all staff play an important role in making a difference to the life of a child. In my spare time I enjoy walking my dog in all weathers. I enjoy yoga, trying new skills and travelling, especially to new places.

PA to the Executive Headteacher



Mrs Knowles

Receptionists

We are the Receptionists at BHPS and we have both been here since 2013. The school office is at the heart of the school and is a very busy place. We are the first point of call for pupils, parents and visitors. We are always

happy to help. We are proud to be part of the vibrant diverse community here at BHPS. Each child is their own unique character and they don't fail to amaze us. All staff at BHPS play an integral part to every child's learning.



Mrs Thacker & Mrs Khatun

Wellbeing Action Ideas

HALF TERM WELLBEING IDEAS FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN

Day 1

Do a random act of kindness for someone today

Day 2

Bake a cake with your Child

Day 3

Go for a 30 minute walk

Day 4

Take time to ask someone how they are

Day 5

Do something you love

Day 6

Clear out a cluttered draw or shed

Day 7

Meditate: sit relax and focus on your breathing for 15 minutes



Autism Awareness

Autism is a lifelong developmental condition which affects how people communicate and interact with the world. One in 100 people are on the autism spectrum and there are around 700,000 adults and children with Autism in the UK. Autism is a spectrum condition and affects people in different ways. Like all people, autistic people have their own strengths and weaknesses.

Below is a list of difficulties autistic people may share, including the two key difficulties required for a diagnosis.

- Social communication and interaction challenges
- Repetitive and restricted behavior
- Over and under sensory sensitivity
- Fixation on special interests and hobbies
- Anxiety
- Meltdowns and shutdowns

This information was provided by the [National Autistic Society](http://www.nas.org.uk)



[Video 1](#)



[Video 2](#)



Mrs Key – SENCO & Assistant Headteacher



Maths at Blakesley

We ♥ Maths – At Blakesley Hall we believe that Maths is No Problem! We strive to provide children with lessons that excite, develop and deepen their mathematical thinking in order for them to have a secure foundation upon which to build their mathematical learning. 'Maths No Problem' is the name of our teaching scheme and the basis of our daily maths lessons,

BIG MATHS happens every day too, but to keep our learning alive children can also enjoy these activities at home:

TT Rockstars – times tables fun and competitions online and **Mathletics** – practise skills at home and play live with others.

Is your child registered for these?

Maths is everywhere around us,

and we apply our maths skills across the whole curriculum – for example when calculating time differences across the globe in Geography (Year 4) and understanding timelines when learning about the Monarchy in History (Year 6) My job is to ignite a passion for Maths in our school so that everyone loves maths as much as I do! Why not have a go at this challenge with your family?



[Maths Challenge](#)

Mrs Shahnawaz – Maths Leader



Jhalak Prize Books

Ms Watson recently entered a competition on Twitter to win a box of books for our school library. The box of 26 books arrived in school this week. The titles, stories and authors reflect the diverse make up of a school population. The children can see these books on display in June.

Ms Watson – Year 6 Teacher



Fundraising for the BHPS Library

In April we launched our very first crowdfunding appeal to raise money for new books for the school library. A group of keen readers from across school helped to make a video promoting our appeal and we shared this with children, families and the local community. We kept our fingers crossed and hoped that we would raise a few hundred pounds..... A lot of people must have had their fingers crossed for us because we

raised a staggering **£2,820** and received some wonderful comments from people who donated. Here are a few of them for you:

'Good luck with your fundraising effort, it's a great cause and I hope you reach your target' (Mrs Salt, ex member of staff).

'Great to see so many familiar faces :) Lots of love to everyone at BHPS (Miss Jones, ex member of staff).

'As an ex-pupil (many years ago), happy to donate. Reading was very important to me at that age, and has continued to be so' (K. Whillock, ex pupil).

'Good luck. I have no connection to this school, but every child deserves books and every school deserves a well-stocked library' (S.Isaac).

'A child who reads will be an adult who thinks. Thank you and continue to support our children' (Mrs Buna, member of staff)

We have been amazed by the response to our appeal – thank you so much for supporting us by making a donation or sharing our appeal with friends, family or on social media. Some people might 'see' pound signs in their eyes – but what we 'see' is piles and piles of books!

There is a real buzz around school and we have begun

to work with the staff and pupils to compile our book shopping list. We will update you with news of the books we buy once we have them in school. **Thank you again for your support.**



Miss Woolaway - Librarian & Ms Hack – Assistant Headteacher

UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award - Silver

You will by now know all about UNICEF children's rights. *Did you know there are 42 rights in total?* The children are learning all the time about their rights as a child. We are excited that in June we are being assessed for the Silver award to recognise the work we are doing. Please take a look at our [website](#) and [ClassDojo](#) to find out all about this important part of school life.



Ms Kaur – Year 4 Teacher


Payment System

Don't forget to sign up for SIMS Pay which will be going live from **Monday 7th June 2021** and Parent Pay will no longer be active for payments.



Reception 2021

If you have a child who was born between **01/09/2016 to 31/08/2017** they are due to start Reception in September 2021. If you haven't applied for a place yet please visit

[BCC Reception 2021 application](#) 

And complete a late application to secure a place at our school.

