



Newsletter

Spring term—Newsletter Four —February 2020

It has already been a very busy 2020 with trips to Old Trafford, performances at Resorts World Birmingham and reaching the finals of High 5 (netball) tournaments to name just a few of the highlights so far.

We are looking forward to planning lots more opportunities and experiences for the children over the rest of this academic year.

If you have any queries or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me at headteacher@blakeleyheath.staffs.sch.uk or on 01902 893400.

Kind regards, Laura Richards (Headteacher)

Staffing Update

It is with great sadness that we have to announce **Mr Wheeler will be leaving** us at Easter. During his time at Blakeley Heath he has given so much to the children not only in his class but also to all of the members of the many after school clubs he has led. I'm sure you will join us in wishing Mr Wheeler all the best in his new appointment in Birmingham.

We have **appointed Mr Stuart Bowman** who will be joining us after the Easter holiday and teaching in year 5.

Parking

As you may have noticed with all of the recent letters parking is still an issue around school. We know lots of school have difficulties but we are trying to be proactive in finding a solution to solve the illegal and dangerous parking on **Syech Lane and Griffiths Drive** before somebody gets hurt.

We are trying to find a safe location which will allow us to set up a 'walking bus' reducing the number of cars requiring parking by school.

We will keep you informed of any progress we make.

School Values

This term will be focusing on '**Aiming High**' through assemblies and lessons, as part of our TEAM BH values.

PTA

We are having a **PTA meeting on Monday 10th February at 3.30pm**. Everybody is welcome and childcare will be provided.

This is an exciting time to share ideas and help school raise much needed funds to support every child in school.

Currently we are a very, very small team and we could do with any volunteers to join us.

We hope to see you all then.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week we will be discussing the importance of children having a healthy mind. The theme for this national week is '**Find your brave**'. As part of this we will be reading stories and completing activities and ensuring children know the importance of sharing their worries.

School lunches

Our school lunches are currently provided by a catering firm called Chartwells. We are trying to work with Chartwells to improve the quality of service our children receive. As part of this process we have invited parents or relatives in to have lunch with their children, this allows you to experience school lunches first hand. We have also invited Kerry from Chartwells to gain parent and pupil views in order for them to make the required changes. Kerry will be available on the playground before school on **26th February**. As a school we are also gathering views, both positive and negative, so if you aren't able to speak with Kerry please feel free to contact school and we will pass your thoughts on.

Termly Dates

Week beginning 03/02/2020 — Children's mental health week

Week beginning 03/02/2020 — Parent meetings

10/02/2020 — PTA meeting—all welcome at 3.30pm. Childcare provided

11/02/2020 — Year 4 class assembly

12/02/2020 — Year 3 lunch with a loved one

13/02/2020 — Valentines disco

14/02/2020 — School closed for Inset day

14/02/2020 — Blakeley bear's parents meetings

17/02/2020 to 21/02/2020 — Half term

24/02/2020 — School starts

26/02/2020 — Kerry from Chartwells available for feedback

26/02/2020 — Year 6 parent lesson at 9.15am

26/02/2020 — Year 4 and 6 lunch with a loved one

26/02/2020 — 5BT parent lesson at 2pm

02/03/2020 — World book week.

03/03/2020 — Dr Bike session for year 6

04/03/2020 — Year 5 lunch with a loved one

05/03/2020 — Reception parent lesson at 9.15—10.15am

06/03/2020 — Children invited to dress up as favourite book character or attend school in their pyjamas ready for their bedtime story. Parents welcome to join us from 3pm to share a story with their child/children.

19/03/2020 — Year 1 parent lesson pm

24 and 25 /03/2020 — Musical theatre performance 6.30pm

03/04/2020 — Break up for Easter holidays

Inset days for 2019/2020:

Friday 14th February

Monday 20th July