



# Newsletter

Autumn term—Newsletter Three—December 2019

I love being in school at this time of year and although it feels Christmas has started early this year it was lovely seeing so many of you at our Christmas fair the other week.

The next few weeks are very busy with productions, parties and Blakeley elections! It is amazing what you can fit in to a half term.

We have our new half termly focus as part of TEAM BH and have been discussing in assemblies and lessons how everyone is valued.

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

Kind regards, Laura Richards (Headteacher)

## Raffle Prizes

We would like to thank all of our parents and local businesses for their very generous donations towards our Christmas raffle. A big thank you is owed to **Michelle Parrish** for collecting so many wonderful gifts.

Here are our winners:

Christmas Hamper: Joanne

£10 Courtyard voucher: Matty

Let's go round again £20 voucher: Lisa

New Inns voucher: Toni

TAN101 sessions: Jack

Coffee212 £10 voucher: Kate

Boxleys Butchers: Kiera

Staffordshire golf club: Jenny

Railway café: Adam

Gallon of beer from The Old Bush: Nick

VIP experience at Wild Bobbington: Sam

Wombourne Computer voucher: Abigail

Blow hairdresser voucher: Maureen

Country Cuppa: Rhys

Windmill Bakery: Clare

E3 graphics £15 voucher: Henry

The Red Lion £20 meal voucher: Laura

Evolution Gym 2 Thai lessons: Carol

Bake my day £10 Voucher: Sam

Wombourne Pool Bar bottle of wine: Laura

The Waggon and Horses £25 meal: Donna

Co-op Hamper—Alana

Body shop gift—Laura

If you haven't received your prize yet please contact the office.

## PTA

We would like to thank everybody for their support at the Christmas Fair, either with donations, setting up, running a stall or attending and spending their pennies. We **raised £970** which is being **rounded up to £1000** by a very generous offer from a year two parent **Pete Harkness**. This money will be used to reduce the cost of coaches for educational visits and to replace some of the key stage one adventure playground which had been condemned.

If you are interested in joining our PTA or have ideas for fundraising please contact myself or the office in the new year.

## **Cracker Competition Winners**

Nursery: Tilly and Louie Reception: Mason and Isobel 1JK: Clark and Olivia 1P: Lillie and Devyn  
2D: Megan and Ellie 2L: Kai and Liam 3W: Frankie and Harley 3L: Reggie and Elsa  
4BW: Joshua and Charlie 5W: Rhys and Hannah 5BT: Yasmine and Connor 6G: Daniel and Brandon  
6HN: Harry and Lucas Thank you for your wonderful creations—we enjoy looking at them.

## **Parent Views**

Thank you for all of your responses to our parent questionnaire. It is essential for us to gather your views so we can continue to improve and develop. These results and individual responses have been shared with our governing body and will also form actions on our school development plan.

<b><u>Whole school responses</u></b>	Strongly agree	Agree or above	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Not relevant
My child is happy at this school.	72%	99%	0.6% (1)		0.6%	
My child feels safe at this school.	75%	99%			0.6%	
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	61%	97%			2%	0.6%
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	10%	22%	1.2% (2)		3%	70%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	64%	98%			1.8%	
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	46%	75%		1.2% (2)	1.2%	23%
My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	20%	33%			3%	64%
The school has high expectations for my child.	50%	92%	0.6% (1)		7%	0.6%
My child does well at this school.	57%	96%			1.3%	0.6%
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	54%	99%			0.6%	
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	60%	98%			1.2%	1.2%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	64%	93%	0.6% (1)		0.6%	5%
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	54%	94%	0.6% (1)		4%	1.2%
I would recommend this school to another parent.	70%	99%	0.6% (1)		0.6%	

We are very proud of these positive results but can ensure you we will continue to reflect on how we can develop our partnership with parents to further support children and families.

**Thank you** again for your responses.

### Governor Corner

My name is Becky Powell and I am Vice-Chair of Governors here at Blakeley Heath. I have been working within the education sector for eight years, starting in Children's Centres, then moving to School Governance Services, and now working for the National School Breakfast Programme. This is a national Department for Education programme that supports schools in disadvantaged areas to start or improve their breakfast provisions in order to ensure that no child starts the day too hungry to learn - I love it! As well as Blakeley, I am also a Governor at a primary school in Wolverhampton and run 6<sup>th</sup> Wombourne Brownies.

As Governors at Blakeley Heath, we care about the education of your children and want to improve outcomes for them as best as we can. Our role as a Governors is to listen to the information that the school gives to us, and ask questions about it. We have recently created a Governor Development Plan which highlights all the key areas we will be focussing on this year. For us, the main focus will be on reading, attendance, and ensuring that we are fulfilling our roles as Governors.

I love being a School Governor at Blakeley, and, although it is a big commitment, it is one of the most rewarding things I do. As a Governing Board at Blakeley Heath, we are really keen to get feedback from yourselves about how things are going at school, or anything you would like to see change, so you are more than welcome to contact us anytime at:

[governor@blakeleyheath.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:governor@blakeleyheath.staffs.sch.uk)

# Termly Dates

- ◇ 3/12/19—Choir to sing at Maywood Care home
- ◇ 9/12/19—Blakeley Bear's visit to Telford Wonderland
- ◇ 10/12/19—Key stage one production at 2pm
- ◇ 11/12/19—Key stage one production at 10am
- ◇ 11/12/19—Key stage 2 carol concert at St Benedict's church at 2pm
- ◇ 12/12/19—School closed for Polling station
- ◇ 13/12/19—Year 3 to Christmas tree festival at United Reformed Church
- ◇ 13/12/19—Christmas dinner day
- ◇ 16/12/19—PTA Christmas film night
- ◇ 17/12/19—Reception and Blakeley Bear's production 10am and 2pm
- ◇ 18/12/19—5BT family learning (parents welcome) from 9am
- ◇ 20/12/19—School breaks up for Christmas
- ◇ 6/1/20—Children return to school

School closed for election

Thursday 12th December

Inset days for 2019/2020:

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Dates may be subject to change. We always aim to provide parents with as much notice as possible for any required alterations. Please ensure we have an updated mobile or email address if you are not receiving notifications and letters.