



NEWSLETTER

Bleakhouse

Primary School

Newsletter

21/12/2023

Dear parents and carers,

Today, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Harrison, who has worked as a lunchtime supervisor for many years, we thank her for all her hard work over the years and wish her good luck in her future endeavours.

Some children have really been joining in with the festive spirit this week. I have been subject to a number of very funny Christmas themed jokes, here are a few of my favourites:

- Q. What is the first thing Elves learn at school? A. The Elf-a-bet!
- Q. What kind of motorcycle does Santa ride? A. A Holly Davidson!
- Q. Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing? A. They always drop their needles!

A very festive fellow dropped in to see how the children have been doing this week, and I'm pleased to report he was very impressed with ALL the pupils and staff at Bleakhouse. He even had time for a photo with Mrs Martin! We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we hope you enjoy the festivities and find some time to recharge. We look forward to seeing you all back in school, safe and sound, on Monday 8th January 2024 when children start their new topics.

Kind regards,
Mr J. E. Bates



REMINDER

- Dogs are not allowed on the school site even if they are being carried in arms. (guide dogs accepted)
- No nuts or products containing nuts should be brought into school.
- When parking around the school site, please be mindful of our local residents and park lawfully and respectfully.

Book Borrowing

Did you know that your child is able to borrow another story book in addition to their banded reading book? We have a wide variety of books to choose from in school, ask your child to speak to their class teacher or see Mrs Martin, to find out what exciting stories we have to offer. The most popular books at the moment are... graphic novels - which are like comic books. Come and see if we have something you might like to borrow.



Winter Water Safety

The cold winter months provide an ideal opportunity for parents and carers to talk with your family about water safety. The following information is shared on behalf from the Royal Life Saving Society:

In winter, children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water, and adults can find themselves at risk in attempting to save them. Taking a nice walk in cold weather with your family, friends or dogs in tow can be really refreshing, just make sure you know some simple tips on how to stay safe in winter. Areas with frozen lakes, ponds, canals and reservoirs can be beautiful places to visit during the winter months but all too often many people risk their lives by venturing onto frozen water. The Royal Life Saving Society have useful tips on their website, scan the QR code opposite for more information.



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Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to everyone who made a donation to our Christmas Fayre. The after school event raised an amazing £1734.96! We will be using this money to treat the children to a Pantomime in school, in the new year.



Children in Need

We raised a fantastic £500 which went straight to Children in Need. Our Pudsey themed biscuits were a huge hit. A big thank you to everyone who made a donation.



Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

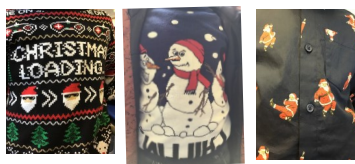
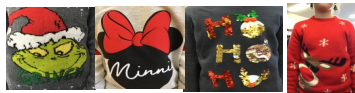
Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.



Festive Celebrations

On Thursday 21st December we held our annual Christmas dinner followed by a party afternoon. It was a wonderful sight to see so many children enjoying the day, tucking into festive food, and dancing the afternoon away. Many pupils chose to wear their Christmas jumpers, can you spot yours?



DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Activity
Monday 8th January 2024	Children return to School - 8.45am
Thursday 8th February	Break up for half term - 3.15pm
Friday 9th February	INSET Day - School Closed to pupils
Monday 19th February	Children return to School - 8.45am
Wednesday 6th March	Parents' evening 5pm - 7.30pm
Thursday 6th March	Parents' evening 4pm - 6pm
Friday 22nd March	Break up for Easter - 3.15pm
Monday 8th April	Children return to School - 8.45am
Monday 6th May	School closed - May Bank Holiday
Friday 24th May	Break up for half term - 3.15pm
Monday 3rd June	Children return to School - 8.45am
Friday 21st June	INSET Day - School Closed to pupils

Lower School Christmas Productions



Over the last two weeks pupils in lower school have put on some wonderful Christmas productions. Children in years one and two performed 'Lights, Camel, Action'. Nursery pupils performed their version of 'A Fairytale Nativity', and children in Reception performed 'Snowy Chums'. A lot of hard work goes into these productions behind the scenes from staff and pupils, it was so nice to see their hard work pay off with fantastic performances - well done everyone! A big thank you to all our families for attending these events.



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Christmas Jumper Day

We had a wonderful response to our non uniform day on Thursday 8th December. School was filled with lots of festive jumpers and we raised £170 for Save the Children Charity. Thank you to all who donated.

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Christmas Sing-along

On Wednesday 13th December, upper school took part in a Christmas sing-along in the hall. Pupils were treated to performances from children who take part in instrumental lessons. Woodwind and brass pupils performed wonderful renditions of Christmas carols and children sang along to 'Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer'. The afternoon was rounded off by staff and pupils singing 'O Little Town of Bethlehem'. Well done to all pupils who performed and to Miss MacNaughton for organising a lovely afternoon.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

At Bleakhouse Primary we are very proud of our school uniform. We would like you to support us by ensuring all pupils are wearing the correct uniform to school every day. And that all items are labelled with your child's name. We are seeing an increasing number of pupils wearing incorrect uniform and we have a constantly increasing amount of unclaimed items.



Thank you for your support with this matter.

Early Bird's BREAKFAST CLUB



Do you need to drop off early because of an appointment?

Are you going to be late collecting?

Has your meeting over run and you wont be finished in time for the school run?

If you have answered yes to any of the above questions then you may need to use our flexible wrap around care service. Breakfast Club starts at 7.45, after school club finishes at 4.30 or 5.30. Charges apply, please contact the school office for more information.



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