



Blackhall Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we break up for the Christmas holidays, I would like to thank you once again for your continued support for our school. We have held many events and activities in the lead up to Christmas, which I am sure your children have enjoyed. It really does mean a lot to us all that so many of you attend and support your children.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our staff in school for making this term as successful as it has been. The Christmas nativities, carol service, pantomime, parties, Polar Express, and Grinch day have been the perfect way to finish the term.

I do hope that over the Christmas period you are able to spend time with your loved ones and are able to sit back and relax. On behalf of all the staff and Governors at Blackhall Primary School, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2023.

We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Wednesday 4th January.

I have included some key information and updates below.

*Yours faithfully,
Mrs R. Leonard
Head Teacher*

Tragic News

Lots of you will be aware of the tragic news that we lost our former pupil, Autumn, a few weeks ago. There are no words that can express what a huge hole this leaves in so many hearts here at Blackhall. Autumn was such a beautiful, young girl who always had a smile on her face. She will be missed by everyone and will be in our hearts forever. Our thoughts are with Autumn's family at this extremely difficult time.

We were also extremely saddened to hear that our much loved Governor, volunteer, and reading guru, Mrs Sarginson, also passed away suddenly on Saturday. Mrs Sarginson was like the heartbeat of our school, always around and supporting children wherever she could. However, supporting children in school was not all Mrs Sarginson did. She worked closely with our children and families outside in the community and I know this news has hit so many of you hard. Again, our thoughts are with Mrs Sarginson's family at this extremely difficult time.

Lots of children in school have mentioned these losses in school. We have taken time to allow children to speak about this and offered support when needed. If you feel your child requires any further support, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Mrs Baker or your child's class teacher.

Staffing Update

Mrs Vincent who has been a member of staff in school for over 17 years will be leaving us after the Christmas holidays to embark on a new opportunity. I know lots of you have worked closely with Mrs Vincent over the years and will be very sad to see her go. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Vincent for the hard work and dedication she has shown our school over the years. She will be missed by everyone but I wish her luck for her new adventure.

Support for Families Page (school website page)

Please can I draw your attention to our Support for Families page in the parents section on our school website. You will find lots of information on this page including activities for children over Christmas, including food, warm hubs and how to apply for a grant if you are struggling to buy school shoes and a warm coat. We will continue to update this regularly with support.

The School Car Park

Please can I remind all parents that you are not to use the staff car park for any reason, including dropping off for breakfast club and after school club. This is for

safety reasons as the car park is used as an access point for breakfast and after school club, therefore, we have children arriving and leaving school from 7:30am – 5:30pm.