

Newsletter

13th May - SATs week - free breakfast club for Year 6 all week
17th May - Year 6 visit to Cragside
21st May - Year 4 to Gibside Residential visit
21st May - Year 2 to visit Bamburgh
23rd May - Community room used as polling station - School open as usual
24th May - School closed to children - Inset Day
27th May - 31st May - Half term holiday
3rd June - School closed to children - Inset Day
4th June - Raising Aspirations/Inspiring the Future fortnight
10th June - Nursery and Reception to visit Hall Hill Farm
10th June - Phonics Screening week for Year 1 children
13th June - Year 5 visitor - Viking workshop
14th June - Headteacher's coffee afternoon 2pm
17th June - Nursery sports morning/Be Fit, Be Safe, Be Healthy Week
17th June - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports afternoon
18th June - Year 6 to visit Sunderland University
19th June - Year 3,4,5, 6 sports afternoon
25th June - Year 3 to visit Botanic Gardens
26th June - Winners of 5R visit to Tynemouth Aquarium - Nursery, Rec, Year 1 and Year 2
27th June - Winners of 5R visit to Gibside - Year 3,4,5,6
28th June - Year 3,4,5,6 visit to Theatre Royal
1st July - Transition week for Year 6 children
9th July - Summer picnic
11th July - Year 6 to visit Forbidden Corner
12th July - Reports to Parent/Carers
17th July - Year 6 leavers assembly 5pm
18th July - Reward for 100% attendance for summer term
19th July - Break up for summer holidays
2nd September - School is closed
3rd September - INSET DAY Closed to pupils*
4th September - School reopens

*School will be closed on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September. Children will return to school on Wednesday 4th September 2019.

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Headteacher's Update

As I write the introduction to our May newsletter, the children in Year 6 are preparing for their up and coming Statutory Assessment tests in the very near future. All Year 6 children are welcome to access our Breakfast Club free of charge during SATs week (w/c 13th May). For safeguarding purposes, every child must be brought by a responsible adult and signed in from 7.45 am until 8.30am. Thank you to all who have supported them and we are sure that they will all do very well. All of the children have worked very hard to do their very best and we all wish them the best of luck! We have arranged an end of SAT's visit to Cragside National Trust next Friday.

We hope that you found the summer term curriculum overviews informative. Once again we have a busy term planned for children across the school. We are looking forward to Reception class assembly, our Aspirations and World of Work fortnight, sports days, Year 4 Gibside residential visit and our annual summer picnic event to name a few!

It would be lovely to see as many as possible at my next headteacher's coffee afternoon on the Friday 14th June at 2pm. Further details to follow.

Best wishes

Julia Watkins



Tyne and Wear Metro is the partner for Elmer's Great North Parade. The parade is brought to the region by St Oswald's Hospice, which offers care to local people with incurable conditions. The parade will bring individually sponsored and designed sculptures of David McKee's much-loved children's book character, Elmer the Patchwork Elephant, to the region. To celebrate the art trail, Nexus will be giving carriages a patchwork makeover and we need children's art skills. Children have been given a template to create their own design, showing Elmer in their favourite place to go by Metro (for example, the park or the beach). St Oswald's Hospice will judge the entries and those chosen will be displayed between **21 August-27 October** when the Parade takes place. Entries need to be returned to school by Thursday 23rd May.

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A toddler group (for children from birth to aged 3) runs in the community room every Wednesday morning from 9.30 until 11.00am. The cost is only £1 per child. The group is already well attended, however, new members are always welcome. The children participate in a number of activities such as circle time, snack time and singing. Further information is available by contacting Alyson Rutter Tel 07879687650

Groundwork North East are launching a competition amongst schools in Sunderland. They would like children to design a waste awareness poster. The winning entry will be displayed around Washington/Sunderland on waste vehicles. The entries can be hand drawn or designed on a computer. If your child would like to enter please have an A4 size entry returned to school by Wednesday 22nd May.

As the warmer weather approaches please don't forget to apply sun cream to children before school. It is important that children have a sun hat or cap in school as we like to be able to take the children outdoors and use the school field and outdoor space as much as possible throughout the Summer months. There will also be an additional choice of food for children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 starting after half term. Children in years 3,4,5 and 6 will have a choice of Take 5, which is a ham, cheese or tuna sandwich, nachos, drink, biscuit/cake and veggie sticks served in a packed lunch bag to eat outdoors.

Theatre Visits

Years 3,4,5 and 6 are visiting the Theatre Royal on June 28th to see a performance of Tom Gates. Please ensure all consent forms are returned to school with a contribution of £5 to help with the cost of transport. School fund has covered the cost of the tickets which were priced at £12.50 each.



The football season has come to an end for both boys and girls teams. They have performed exceedingly well this year and have done Blackfell proud. Mr Whitfield and Mr Barrass will be holding trials later in the year ready for next season's teams. Children from year 5 and 6 competed in Quadkids festival at Oxclose Academy. They finished 6th out of 18 teams competing in long jump, distance throwing, 75m sprint and 500m run.

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School Council

Our new school councillors have been elected ready for the summer term.

Congratulations to:

Year 1: Cameron and Isabella

Year 2: Zac and Ellie

Year 3: Graysen and Laura

Year 4: Ben and Lucie

Year 5: Sam and Evie

Year 6: Lewis S and Madi

During this term the school council will work on improving recycling within our school and look forward to implementing some new initiatives within Blackfell. This, we hope, will help to ensure we are doing our part to look after the environment around us. Later in the summer term, the school council will help to organise the Summer family event and work on fundraising opportunities for this. Representatives from our school council for 2018/2019 will be sharing their work with governors at a meeting later this term.

