

# Newsletter

20th November - Year 5 class assembly 9.15am  
27th - 29th November - Robinwood residential  
2nd December - Nursery / Reception Nativity Play 9.15am  
3rd December - Nursery / Reception Nativity Play 9.15am  
4th December - Nasal Vaccination - Reception - Year 6  
5th December - Year 1 / Year 2 Nativity Play 2.15pm  
6th December - Year 1 / Year 2 Nativity Play 9.15am  
9th December - Christmas Community Afternoon 1.30pm  
10th December - Year 3/Year 4 Oxclose Church - Christmas Carols (2pm)  
11th December - Year 5/Year 6 Oxclose Church - Christmas Carols (2pm)  
13th December - Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day  
16th December - Nursery /Reception Christmas Party (am)  
16th December - Year 1,2,3,4 Christmas Party (pm)  
17th December - Year 5,6 Christmas Party (pm)  
20th December - Last day of term, Christmas jumpers can be worn  
6th January - School reopens Spring term  
8th January - Year 4 start swimming lessons  
13th January - Curriculum overviews to parents/carers for Spring term  
13th January - Year 2 SAT's workshop for parents 3.15pm  
14th January - RNLI workshops across school  
20th January - Year 6 SAT's workshop for parents 3.15pm  
29th January - Year 4 class assembly 9.15am  
31st January - Year 3/4 Tennis competition Puma Centre  
5th February - Year 3 class assembly 9.15am  
7th February - Infant Agility Challenge at Oxclose Academy  
10th February - Year 1 Phonics Screening talk for parents 3.15pm  
11th February - Safer Internet Day  
14th February - Valentine's Themed Lunch  
14th February - Year 5/6 In2Hockey Festival at Oxclose  
14th February - Headteacher's coffee afternoon 2.15pm  
17th February - 21st February - Half term  
24th February - Parent/Carer consultations 3pm-5pm  
26th February - Parent/Carer consultations 3pm - 6pm  
5th March - World Book Day - Movie night  
10th March - Year 6 to Safety Works  
11th March - Year 2 class assembly  
25th March - Easter Production 9.15am (Year 5 parents/carers invited to attend)  
1st April - Easter Bake off  
2nd April - Easter bonnet parade for Nursery and Reception 9.15 am  
3rd April - Last day in school

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## Headteacher's Update

We are all looking forward to a busy diary for the rest of this term. We hope to see many of you at our Christmas festivities and celebrations next month. A letter was sent home on Friday with details of all the events. Tickets for events will be sent home this week.

A reminder that it is our termly coffee afternoon on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 2pm in the main school hall. It would be wonderful if you could join the school council and support 'Guide Dogs for the Blind' charity. There will be lots of fun activities for you to enjoy alongside your child and refreshments will be on sale. There will also be a raffle.

Non uniform day is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Please send a donation for a tombola or raffle for our Christmas Fair afternoon. Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

We are delighted to have appointed a new site supervisor. Mr Ian Colling will be joining the Blackfell team from January 2020. We are sure that Mr Colling will be an asset to our school. He is really looking forward to getting to know everyone and will be on the gate each morning with me to welcome the children safely into school.

Thank you for your continued support to make our school the very best it can be.

Best wishes

Julia Watkins

### Robinwood 2019 and 2020

Children in year 6 are getting ready for their residential visit to Robinwood. Children can come to school dressed in warm leisure clothes on the morning of 27th November. All luggage will need a name tag which the children will be given on the morning by Miss Dodds. We will keep you updated in December's newsletter of what they got up to and don't forget to check the website for photos. A reservation has been made for 7th-9th September 2020 which will be the first time we have visited in the summer months and lighter nights. If you would like your child to attend and have not yet informed the school office, please do so by the end of this week. Payments can be any time from now throughout the year to help spread the cost.

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## School News



### Anti-Bullying Week

Last week in school we all celebrated Anti-bullying week. This year's theme was 'Change Starts With Us'. During the week, some of our 'Anti-Bullying Champions' attended the annual Anti-Bullying conference alongside Mrs. Hutchinson at Washington Academy. At the conference the children worked alongside other children from local cluster schools and took part in a range of workshops which focused on how to be healthy, random acts of kindness, valuing how we are all different and the purpose of a good debate. The workshops were held by representatives from the Sunderland People First, Kinetics and Northumbria Police. On Tuesday, the whole school had an 'Odd Socks Day' to celebrate what makes us all unique. During the week the whole school took part in a range of Anti-Bullying activities. Year 4 had a visit from Nicola who is from Northumbria Police and is part of our Operation Encompass program. Nicola talked to Year 4 about the differences between friendships and relationships. Other classes took part in activities such as working together through team games, drama, creating 'odd socks' and friendship webs all of which can be found on our school website. All the children had a super week enjoying a range of engaging activities, highlighting the importance of Anti-Bullying.



### Bikeability - Keeping children Safe

Instructors came into school to work with Year 5 on bike and road safety. Children were awarded level one certificates after practising hand signals and controlling their bikes. For level two, children went out onto the roads where they learnt how to safely turn left and right at a T-junction and how to read road signs. If your child cycles to school please ensure they wear a bike helmet.



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## Year 5/6 High 5 Netball Festival

Last week, we sent two teams to Oxclose Academy where we competed against other schools in the cluster. Mr Taylor has been teaching the rules of the game and also the skills they needed in order to play the game effectively. On the day of the festival, the children played exceptionally well. So well in fact, that Mr Beeston, Head of PE at Oxclose Academy told Miss Hough that our players needed to join an outside Netball club as they were so good! Our teams showed real teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the festival and we were delighted to finish in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. What an achievement! Not only that, but this was the first time in ten years that Blackfell had won the Netball festival. Once again, a huge well done to our Netball players. You have done us proud.

If anyone would like to join a local Netball club, please contact [fisher.a@stobertofnewminster.co.uk](mailto:fisher.a@stobertofnewminster.co.uk)



## Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day

Traditional turkey Christmas dinner with all the trimmings will be served on Friday 13th December. If your child is normally on packed lunch but would like to have a Christmas dinner please forward £2.20 to school in a named envelope or inform the school office by Monday 2nd December so the cook can ascertain numbers. Children can also wear Christmas jumpers. Children are working towards filling their class pom pom jars to be rewarded with a Christmas movie afternoon on this day. Nursery children are invited to stay for lunch and be collected at 1pm. Please forward £2.20 if they would like to stay.

On Wednesday 13th November, Year 6 presented their class assembly. It was wonderful to share their learning and hear what they have covered in different aspects of the curriculum. It was well attended by parents and carers who found out about the following: their historical World War Two knowledge; their Design and Technology wood work skills, where they built bird boxes; their scientific understanding of Electricity; shared aspects of the PSHEC (Personal, Social, Health, Education and Citizenship) curriculum and their French work. Year 6 presented clearly and sang songs which have supported their understanding of the curriculum subjects, a well done to them all! We now look forward to sharing Year 5's class assembly on Wednesday 20th November at 9.15pm.

