

Newsletter

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 - Headteacher's coffee afternoon 2.15pm
17th February - 21st February - Half term
24th February - Parent/Carer consultations 3pm-6pm
26th February - Parent/Carer consultations 3pm-5.30pm
5th March - World Book Day - Movie night
10th March - Year 6 to Safety Works
11th March - Year 2 class assembly 9.15am
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
20th April - School reopens summer term
22nd April - Year 4 to visit Gibside (residential)
6th May - Year 1 class assembly 9.15am
7th May - Year 3-4 VE day celebration 2pm (Parents invited to attend)
8th May - Bank Holiday School Closed
11th May - SATS week
18th May - Nursery sports morning 9.15am
18th May - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports afternoon
19th May - Year 3,4,5,6 Sports afternoon
22nd May - School Closed - Inset Day
25th May - Half term holiday
1st June - School reopens
1st June - Book bus in school
3rd June - Reception class assembly 9.15am
5th June - Headteacher's coffee afternoon 2.15pm
8th June - Phonics screening week Year 1
8th June - Health and fitness week
23rd June - Whole school summer event
10th July - Reports to parents/carers
13th July - Drop in for parents/carers 3.15pm
15th July - Year 6 leavers 5pm
17th July - Break up for summer holidays (last day in school)

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Headteacher's Update

I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and send you my very best wishes for 2020.

This term, we have welcomed three new children to our nursery - we are sure they will all enjoy their learning at Blackfell. All of the children across school have settled well and enjoying their lessons. Curriculum Overviews were sent home last week and they included important dates for your diary. Letters for parent/carers consultations will be sent home this Friday. Dates for consultations are Monday 24th and Wednesday 26th February.

Mr Colling, site supervisor has settled into his new role. Please say hello and introduce yourself to him as he is eager to get to know everyone

Last month we had a wonderful celebration of Christmas including our annual Christmas Fair, class productions/carol services across the school and culminating in our Guide Dogs for the Blind fundraiser in the last week of term. Thank you to everyone including our school council for supporting this event. We raised £132.50 for this incredible charity.

Our newly elected school council for this term will be working with Miss Hepplewhite, Mrs Reeves and Mrs Hutchinson. They will update us of their plans after their first meeting next week.

My next termly headteacher's coffee afternoon for parent/carers will be on Friday 14th February at 2.15pm.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy 2020.

Julia Watkins

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 11th February all children in school will be taking part in Safer Internet Day. The theme for this years Safer Internet Day is "Together for a Better Internet". All classes will take part in a range of activities resourced through CEOP and Googles Internet Legends. We are also inviting Northumbria Police to join us and inform children of the importance of online safety and keeping themselves safe. A parent information sheet will be sent home with children informing you of how to help to keep your children safe online.

School Kitchen

We are delighted to announce that the school kitchen has been inspected by environmental health and safety last week. Once again it has been awarded a 5 star rating. Wendy and her team produce fantastic school meals for our children. If your child would like to swap from packed lunch the cost of a school meal is £2.20 per day (payable on a Monday).



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Mobile Phones

We understand that if children walk to school or walk home unaccompanied then there may be a need to carry a mobile phone. We operate a policy in school which does not allow children to have access to their phones throughout the school day. If your child brings a mobile phone to school parents must complete a consent letter and the phone must be switched off and handed to the school office. School will not accept any responsibility for damage/loss of phones within school.

World Book Day

In school we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. During the day, classes will be doing activities based around different authors, characters and books.

This year, to encourage children to read a wider variety of books, children will be invited to bring in any old books they no longer want any more. Children will be able to swap with other children in school and bring home a 'new' book to read or give books to others. Please ensure your child only brings books they do not want back.

Also, we will be asking children to dress up as a character from a book. We will be discussing ideas for book characters and costumes in our classes and how everyday clothes they have at home can be adapted for costumes. There are plenty of simple, homemade costumes such as the witch from Room on the Broom (Dress, stripy tights and a tall hat), Billionaire Boy (Black trousers, white shirt and Monopoly/paper money), or The Cat in the Hat (Black trousers, black top, red bow tie/ribbon and a hat which can be made from card).

Children will each receive a £1 book token to put towards a book of their choice or to swap for one of this year's £1 World Book Day books.

Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to seeing the children and staff all dressed up.



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We are pleased to welcome 2 student teachers Miss Elmer and Miss Twedde who will be working alongside Miss Hepplewhite and Miss Kitchen this term.

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School Council

We are delighted to announce this terms school council elected by their peers. Y1 Ethan Thomas, Jasmine Waggott, Y2 Halle Klein, Lennon Bowman, Y3 Ava Warrilow, Harrison Casey, Y4 Elijah Williams, Amber Quigley, Y5 Leon Lowery, Ruby Crane, Y6 Daniel Lamming and Talitha Rushton.



Valentines Themed Lunch

On the last day of term 14th February a themed lunch will be served. "The look of love" - Fish/chips peas or sweetcorn, Don't go breaking my heart - Tomato pasta with garlic bread, Can't help falling in love - Cheese or ham pannini with nachos. Spot prizes will be given throughout the lunch period. Please send £2.20 if your child is normally packed lunch and you would like them to have a meal on the day.

PE Kits

Curriculum overviews were sent out last week which states what day your child has PE in school. Can you please ensure that children bring PE kit on a Monday and leave it in school till Friday. If your child does an after school club it would be beneficial if they brought a separate sports kit to ensure that PE kits are not left at home. If any parent/carer has spare PE kit that they would like to donate please send this in to the school office. If your child forgets their kit they will be expected to wear a spare kit to ensure they participate in the lesson.

Attendance

Attendance of the month for December was awarded to Reception and Year 4. Children will be rewarded with a movie afternoon. Current attendance for the year is 94.5%. There will be a prize draw next week for any child who has been in school every day since returning after Christmas. Galleries vouchers will be given as prizes.

This term we will be focusing on Risk taking across school. Teachers will be choosing children to receive an award who have demonstrated this skill.