

# Newsletter

13th-17th November - Anti Bullying Week  
14th November - Year 3 class assembly 9.15am  
14th November - Nursery/Reception maths workshop for parents 3.15pm  
17th November - Children in Need - Disco arranged for children during afternoon for Rec-Y6  
22nd November - Year 4 at Durham Cathedral Choral Performance  
24th November - Non-uniform day - children bring a donation for Christmas fair  
1st December - Christmas Fair 2pm  
5th December - Nursery and Reception Christmas performance 9.15am  
6th December - Nursery and Reception Christmas performance 9.15am  
7th December - Nursery and Reception to visit Washington Arts Centre  
11th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Nativity 2.15pm  
12th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Nativity 9.15am  
13th December - Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas performance 9.15am  
13th December - Year 1 and Year 2 to visit Tyne Theatre (am)  
14th December - Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Performance 9.15am  
15th December - Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day  
18th December - Nursery and Reception Christmas Party (am)  
18th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party (pm)  
19th December - Nasal Flu programme (Reception - Year 6)  
19th December - Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party (pm)  
20th December - Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party (pm)  
21st December - Non uniform day  
21st December - Reward for 100% attendance for Autumn term  
22nd December - Inset Day (School closed to pupils)  
8th January - School reopens for Spring term  
15th January - SATs workshop for parents/carers of Year 6 3.30pm  
22nd January - SATs meeting for parent/carers of Year 2 3.15pm  
1st February - Year 6 to visit Safetyworks Newcastle  
6th February - Safer Internet Day  
1st March - World Book Day  
5th March - Parent/Carer Consultations 3pm-5pm  
7th March - Parent/Carer Consultations 3pm-6pm  
12th March - RNLI to visit school  
27th March - Nursery Bonnet Parade 9.15am  
27th March - Easter Egg Competition  
28th March - Easter assembly Year 1 parents/carers invited 2.15pm  
29th March - Last day of spring term  
30th March - 13th April - Easter holidays  
16th April - School reopens Summer term  
1st May - Reception class assembly 9.15am  
3rd May - Community room used for polling station  
14th May - SATs week  
22nd May - Year 1 class assembly 9.15am  
**25th May - School closed to children INSET DAY**  
28th May - 1st June - Half term holiday

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## Headteacher's Update

We are always very proud of the many achievements of our children. I love to hear what they have been up to out of school too and share their recognition and praise. If any of the children would like to share certificates, medals, trophies etc in our Celebration Assembly, please call and see me or catch me at the school gate. This week we will be celebrating the many achievements of our Year 6 children. I had the pleasure of joining them for their residential visit to Robinwood in Alston, Cumbria. The children had the opportunity to try up to fourteen activities and their resilience and determination shone through. Each and every one of them was a real star! This is the first time that we have visited the Outdoor Activity Centre and we have already booked for next year! Dare I say it, but it will not be long before our Christmas activities and events will be here. Once again, we have a half term full of busy -just as we like it here at Blackfell. Thank you for your continued support to make our school the very best it can be.

Best wishes

Julia Watkins

### Robinwood 2017



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### Durham Oriental Museum

Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Oriental Museum. The children learnt all about the Ancient Egyptians. They handled artefacts that were over 2000 years old and learnt all about their uses. The children became archaeologists and took part in a quiz learning all about their ways of life. The day ended with the children creating a play about mummification.



### Centre of Life

Year 5 visited the Centre of Life to learn about all things to do with Science. They enjoyed travelling around the exhibits learning about dinosaurs, space, senses and physical science linked to energy and momentum. The main activity was when the children visited a science laboratory where they performed an experiment using chemicals to identify changes to reversible or irreversible materials. The children used Bunsen burners to heat up different chemicals and then observed changes with some surprising results. We learnt a lot about chemical and physical changes and had a great day.



### Anti-Bullying Week

**13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017**



Mrs. Hutchinson accompanied children from our Year 4 and Year 5 school council to the annual Anti-Bullying conference held at Washington School. This entailed the children working alongside local cluster schools to complete a range of workshops pertaining to anti-bullying. To continue our anti-bullying focus we will be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week next week. The theme this year is 'All Different - All Equal'. Throughout the week the children will be taking part in a range of Anti-Bullying themed activities to help raise the profile of anti-bullying in our school. Don't forget to check out the school website to see what activities the children have been getting up to over the course of the week.

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## News

We will be supporting Children In Need on Friday 17th November. Children can wear Pudsey accessories. A disco has been booked for children in the afternoon (Rec - Y6). There will be a nearly new sale in the morning so if you have any unwanted toys or games in good condition please send them into school. There will be cake sale in the afternoon so we would be grateful for donations. Children can bring £2.

### Christmas Fair

On Friday 24th November children can come to school in non uniform. In return we ask that children bring a donation for our Christmas fair. (ie gift set for raffle or chocolate for the chocolate tombola). Any donations would be gratefully received. £2 worth of raffle tickets will be sent home next week - please sell these to your family/friends with the prize draw taking place at the fair on Friday 1st December at 2pm

### Music Outreach Celebration

Year 4 are involved in a project "Making Music" working with Durham Cathedral. Children visited George Washington School to practice for the event which is being held in the Cathedral on Wednesday 22nd November. Parent/Carers are welcome to attend the event. Entry is free. Everyone needs to be seated inside the cathedral by 1.15pm for a prompt start.



### Bookfair

Thank you to everyone who attended our book fair. School was able to purchase £180 worth of books to help restock our library.



### Attendance and Punctuality

We have spot prizes of £5 Galleries vouchers to give away in November. Children who are punctual and in school for the first two weeks of this half term will have their name put in a prize draw. There will be winners chosen from Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Attendance for this academic year is currently 96.2%.

### Cycling Proficiency

This week Year 5 children are enjoying learning new skills around bike safety and learning how to ride a bike on roads. Children are assessed throughout the work and awarded with a certificate and badge if they pass the course.

### Staff Inset Day

School will be closed to children on Friday 25th May for an Inset Day.

Only one month left to order your child's artwork. Log on to [www.mychildsart.co.uk](http://www.mychildsart.co.uk) to view their drawing and place any Christmas orders. The login code is Blackfell and the password wRgLO6wU.