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IMPORTANT DATES

26th April - Year 3 to visit Botanic Garden Sunderland
27th April - Year 2 to visit Grace Darling Museum
1st May - Reception class assembly 9.15am
3rd May - Community room used for polling station (school remains open)
14th May - SATs week (free breakfast club to Y6 children all week)
17th May - Year 1 to visit Captain Cook Museum
22nd May - Year 1 class assembly 9.15am
22nd May - Images Art Gallery in school
24th May - Headteacher's coffee afternoon - High Tea
25th May - School closed to children INSET DAY
28th May - 1st June - Half term holiday
4th June - School reopens
5th June - Year 6 to Forbidden Corner
5th June - Nursery and Reception to visit Tynemouth Aquarium
6th June - Year 5 to visit Nissan - Lego Robot Event
11th June - Phonic screening Year 1 (all week)
14th June - Year 4 to visit Centre of Life
12th June - School Disco - Beach Theme
18th June - Nursery sports morning 9.15am
18th June - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports day (pm)
19th June - Year 3,4,5 and Year 6 sports day (pm)
2nd/3rd July - Transition to Oxclose
2nd July - Tall Ships week
3rd July - Health Roadshow
5th July - Performance of Annie 3.30pm - tickets will be on sale
6th July - 5R winners summer outing - Gibside
9th July - Drop in for parents 3.15pm - 4.30pm
11th July - School choir singing for Tall Ships (venue to be announced)
10th July - Summer event on school field (pm)
16th July - Year 6 to visit Nissan
18th July - Leavers assembly 5pm
20th July - Break up for summer (normal school day)
4th September - School reopens to children for new academic year

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Headteacher's Update

We hope that you found the summer term Curriculum Overviews and personalised targets you received last week informative. As we commence our last term of this academic year, we have so many things to look forward to with a fun packed, busy term planned for children across the school. Class assemblies to look forward this term are Reception and Year 1. I am particularly looking forward to our Tall Ships/Diversity week (w/c 9 July), annual Family Summer Event, a performance of Annie, Sports days and of course our Year 6 Leavers' Production and Special Assembly to name just a few! All dates for the rest of this term are on this newsletter or available on our school website.

Our Year 6 children are participating in their statutory assessment tests starting 14th May. Don't forget Breakfast Club is free to all Year 6 children for w/c 14th May. Thank you to all of you that have supported them and we are sure that they will all do very well. All of the children (and staff) have worked extremely hard to ensure everyone does their very best and we are very proud of them. The children have a wonderful final term planned at Blackfell and we will keep you updated of their Enterprise Events to support their chosen visits and activities throughout the term.

My termly Coffee Afternoon on Thursday 24th May at 2pm has been organised by our newly elected School Council as a Afternoon High Tea fundraising event. It would be lovely to see you all there.

I look forward to seeing you all at our many summer events.

Best wishes

Julia Watkins

CHANGES TO SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER

Due to changes within Sunderland Council when we return after May half term holiday the schools telephone number will be changing. The new school number is **0191 9171665**. If you have the number saved in mobiles please update with the new number. The website, signage and all web pages will be updated to reflect the changes.

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School Visits

Year 4 had a fantastic time on their residential to Gibside National Park. They took part in a variety of activities including den building, fire making, orienteering and animal tracking. The children enjoyed working together as a team and developed their skills to make their own dens and learnt how to start a fire to keep warm. The children developed their map reading skills to help them find their way around Gibside. For the night time activity, the children learnt how to read animal tracks and looked for signs of different animals in the area. A motion camera was set up and left out overnight. The next morning the children were amazed at the footage which showed the food traps had attracted badgers, mice and deer. We were also very lucky to see a deer in the grounds when out walking. Both children and staff had a brilliant experience at Gibside.



Year 3, had a fantastic time on their school trip to The Botanic Gardens in Durham. The children went geocaching through the woods in search of clues to locate the hidden treasure. On their adventure they found out some amazing facts about the wildlife and nature of the plants that live in the woods. They travelled through countries such as Chile, India, Mexico, Brazil, Africa and many more, learning about the different plants that grow around the world and what they need to survive. Afterwards, they visited a tropical rainforest and the desert and compared the plants and habitats of these two environments. The children really enjoyed playing in the swamp pond and handling the stick insects. At the end of the trail the prize was a variety of fruits that can be grown in Africa. These were brought back to school for the children to enjoy.



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School Council News

This terms elected school councillors are:

Year 1: Zac Bailey and Charlie Munro

Year 2: Jessica Dale and Dominic Lamming

Year 3: Aimee-Leigh Cooper and Leon Lowery

Year 4: Matthew Cook and Honey McCauley

Year 5: Sophie Hill and Callum Atkinson

Year 6: Grace Tetchner and Tom Pinnegar

This half term school councillors will be working towards raising money for Blackfell's Tall Ship Summer picnic and school funds. Children will be planning and organising for the royal wedding high tea. Tickets will soon be on sale for parents priced at £5 each. The event will be on Thursday 24th May at 2pm in the top hall. There will be a selection of sandwiches, delicious cakes and fresh cream scones with a glass of fizz and a cup of tea. The school choir will be performing at this event. The school council will also be preparing for a summer beach themed disco on Tuesday 12th June. Further information will follow.

Royal Wedding

School meals have designed a meal to celebrate the Royal Wedding. On Friday 18th May the menu will change to Celebration Chicken Breast with creamed and roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables or Bridal Fish Goujons served with chunky chips. Desert will be mini wedding cake or fresh fruit salad. If your child is on packed lunch and would like a meal please send £2 to the school office in an envelope.

School Places

We currently have places in Nursery and Reception class. If your child is due to start school in September 2018 please contact school to arrange a visit and register your child.