

Newsletter

18th September - School Photographs
18th September - Year 6 Open Evening at Oxclose Academy at 6pm
19th September - Walkwise Programme Year 2
21st September - World War 2 Day - Year 6
21st September - Tag rugby festival
26th September - Year 6 visit to Eden Camp
1st October - Robinwood meeting for parents 3.30pm
3rd October - Durham outreach to visit Year 2 - Great Fire of London
4th October - Year 5 class assembly 9.15am
5th October - High 5 netball festival
9th October - Whole school movie night finishing at 5pm
11th October - Harvest Festival
12th October - Athletics festival
15th - 18th October - Book fair in school until 3.45pm
15th October - Parent/Carer consultation 3pm-6pm
17th October - Parent/Carer consultation 3pm - 5pm
18th October - Year 2 class class assembly 9.15am
22nd October - 26th October Half term
29th October - 31st October Robinwood residential visit for Year 6
1st November - Year 5 visit to Durham Cathedral
5th November - Year 5 Cycling Proficiency
6th November - Maths Workshop for Nursery and Reception parents 3.15pm
9th November - Bullying Awareness workshop Year 5 and Year 6
9th November - Year 2 to visit Discovery Museum
9th November - Quicksticks hockey festival
12th November - Anti Bullying Week
13th November - Phonics workshop for Nursery and Reception parents at 3.15pm
14th November - Year 6 class assembly
16th November - Non uniform - dress in blue and bring a donation for Christmas Fair
20th November - RNLI in school
23rd November - Futsal festival
26th November - Year 1 visit to Newcastle Castle
28th November - Year 4 class assembly
30th November - Christmas Fair 1.30pm
30th November - Girls futsal festival
4th December - Reception nativity 9.15am
5th December - Nursery sing a long 9.15am
7th December - Nursery and Reception to visit Washington Art Centre to see Snow Play
10th December - Year 1 and Year 2 nativity 2pm
11th December - Year 1 and Year 2 nativity 9.15am
12th December - Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carols 9.15am
13th December - Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Carols 9.15am
14th December - Christmas lunch/Christmas jumper day
17th December - Nursery/Reception party am
17th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas party pm
18th December - Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas party pm
19th December - Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas party pm
20th December - 100% attendance reward

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Headteacher's Update

Welcome back to the new academic year! This term has got off to an excellent start and the diary is already full! We trust that you all had a relaxing summer and enjoyed spending time with your children. We are all delighted with the way the children have settled in to their classes and adjusted to new routines. Nursery and Reception children have made a fantastic start and impressed us all with their enthusiasm for school. Next week, I will be interviewing our Year 6 children for responsibilities and positions across the school. We are looking forward to seeing you all at our drop in session on Monday 17th September 3.15 - 5pm. Please call in between these times to meet your child's class teacher, hear all about the curriculum and see photographs of what the children have been up to since the start of the new term. We love to celebrate the children's achievements in and out of school. Our Celebration Assembly is held every Friday morning for years 1 to 6. Each week, the class teacher chooses one child to speak about on the stage and share their achievements and qualities. They are presented with a special certificate and trophy to take home for the week and return for the following Friday's assembly. In addition, our stars of the week names are shared on our school website. This year we will be supporting different charities and our school council will be leading many new initiatives across school. Our first fundraising event for the year is 'Help the Heroes' in November and we will be holding a whole school assembly to celebrate the centenary of World War I. Further details to follow. Please take time to visit our school website as it is a wealth of information! Our calendar is very busy once again and we are well prepared for the year ahead. We are looking forward to building on our many achievements and are looking forward to working in partnership with you all this year.

Best wishes

Julia Watkins

A Warm Welcome to Our New Starters



Following an induction period for Nursery and Reception children last week, we are delighted that they are now all settled into school. They have all enjoyed making new friends, exploring the enhanced learning environment both in and outdoors and learning new skills and experiences.

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On line Payments

Payments for school trips, school meals, music tuition, breakfast club and after school clubs can now be paid online. Log on to Sunderland City Council website and click on pay then select school meals /expenses, select Blackfell Primary School from the list of schools and choose the appropriate choice for payment. Please ensure to select the correct category for payment and put comments in the comments box. If payment is for example school meals and a visit, please do 2 separate transactions. An email will be sent to you as confirmation of the payment. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

School Council



This years school council have been elected by their peers to be autumn terms school council. Year 1 Ethan Clarke and Lily Beattie, Year 2 Phoebe Wilson and Max Henry, Year 3 Jack Parkinson and Chloe Jones, Year 4 Sadie Castling and Dylan Robinson, Year 5 Shaun Hair and Katie Fulton and Year 6 Dexter Lamming and Olivia Allen. This term they will be closely working with Miss Hepplewhite, Miss Henderson and Miss Jackson. The school council will be focusing on raising money for Help the Heroes charity as we will be commemorating the centenary of the end of World War 1.

The children have discussed different fund raising ideas for across the school. They will be helping to organise and lead different events around school starting with a clothing collections (more details to follow). In addition to this, the children will be making and selling remembrance day crafts and selling poppies on the school gate. Within school, we will be commemorating Remembrance Day with a special assembly where classes across the school will be sharing their learning in a range of ways.

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School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 18th September to take individual/class/sibling photos from Nursery through to Year 6. If you have children who are not yet in school and would like a family photograph taken please come into the school hall for 8.30am.

Oxclose Academy

Year 6 parent/carers and children are invited to Oxclose Academy open evening on Tuesday 18th September at 6.00pm. There will be a presentation by the chair of governors and Headteacher followed by a tour of the school. Letters were sent out to parents last week with details of how to apply for a secondary place for September 2018. Applications need to be submitted by 31st October 2018.

School Sport

Once again we will be joining the Oxclose Cluster Festivals throughout the year. There will be various opportunities for children to participate in events. Mr Barras and Mr Whitfield held football trials for this years school football team. We are delighted to announce James Morrell (captain), Lewis Slater, Lewis Waggott, Daniel Stephenson, Warren Potts, Aaren Taylor, Matthew Cook and Harry Beadling were selected to represent Blackfell. James, Daniel and Lewis were also picked to play for the District Team - Well done and good luck for the forthcoming season.

House Captains

Congratulations to our new House Captains and Vice House Captains for 2018/2019.

Pine - Captain James Morrell / Lauren Ward.
Vice Captain Lewis Slater/Ty Hindhaugh
Willow - Alex Meager/Erika Ghiban-Calugaru.
Vice Captain Tilly Newstead /Madi Chan
Maple - Captain Ethan Brown /Belle Eden.
Vice Captain Liam Stevenson /Callum Forsyth
Oak - Captain Lewis Waggot/Natalie Carrott
Vice Captain Samir Bounkhalia/Brendan Tetchner

Music Lessons

If you are interested in your child learning a musical instrument please contact the school office. Dan Bovill comes into school every Tuesday to teach guitar and drumming. He also runs an after school club rock band if anyone is interested in joining. Mr Marshall also teaches brass on a Monday. We have a number of instruments in school to loan. Music lessons are priced at £3.00 per lesson.