

# Newsletter

14th December - Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day  
17th December - Nursery and Reception Christmas Party (am)  
17th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party (pm)  
18th December - Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party  
18th December - Year 6 to Oxclose Christmas Cracker performance  
19th December - Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party (pm)  
20th December - 100% Attendance Reward Autumn term  
21st December - Non uniform day  
21st January - SAT's meeting for parent/carers of Year 6 3.30pm  
28th January - SAT's meeting for parent/carers of Year 2 3.15pm  
5th February - Year 1 class assembly 9.15am  
5th February - Safer Internet Day  
25th February - Year 6 to visit Nissan  
4th March - Parent/Carer Consultations 3pm - 6pm  
6th March - Parent/Carer Consultations 3pm - 5pm  
7th March - World Book Day  
11th March - Anti Bullying Production Y2 - Y6  
21st March - Year 3 class assembly 9.15am  
25th March - Spring Discos  
3rd April - Easter Egg Competition  
3rd April - Easter bonnet parade  
5th April - Last day of Spring term  
23rd April - School reopens for Summer term  
13th May - SATs week  
21st May - Reception class assembly 9.15am  
24th May - School closed to children INSET day  
27th May - 31st May - Half term holiday  
3rd June - School closed to children INSET DAY  
4th June - School reopens  
4th June - Year 6 to visit Safety Works  
10th June - Phonics screening week Year 1  
17th June - Nursery sports morning (am)  
17th June - Reception/Year 1 and Year 2 sports day (pm)  
18th June - Year 6 to visit Sunderland University  
19th June - Year 3,4,5,6 Sports Day (pm)  
26th June - Winners of 5r Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 to visit Tynemouth Aquarium  
27th June - Winners of 5r Year 3,4,5,6 to visit Gibside  
1st July - Transition to Oxclose Year 6  
2nd July - Transition to Oxclose Year 6  
9th July - Summer Picnic  
12th July - End of year report to parents/carers  
17th July - Year 6 leavers assembly 5pm  
19th July - Break up for Summer holidays  
2nd September - Inset Day school closed for children  
3rd September - School reopens

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### Headteacher's Update

What a fantastic start we have had to the festive season! We are well into the spirit of Christmas here at Blackfell and our school looks beautiful with Christmas trees, decorations and tinsel. We have thoroughly enjoyed all our Christmas performances. We are so proud of the children singing and performing with confidence. I can't wait to see the rest of our school celebrate Christmas together. We are looking forward to our Christmas Lunch and 'Christmas Jumper Day' on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Fair last week. It was, as always, a huge success and we raised £1000! We are planning theatre and cinema trips for the children in the New Year.

The children have once again been a real credit to us all this term. They have all worked very hard, enjoyed many new learning experiences and contributed so well to the success of our school. Thank you all for your continuing support and contributions. I would also like to thank the staff who all work tirelessly to support the children to be the very best they can be. Our team commitment ensures that we provide a fantastic education for all of the children.

We will be sending out our Parent/Carer questionnaire on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December to hear your views and suggestions to support our school to continue to move forward. Please return your questionnaire by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December in the envelope provided. Completed questionnaires can be posted in a box at the school office. Feedback will be given in the new year.

We hope that you all have a lovely festive family Christmas and everyone at Blackfell wishes you a Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy, healthy 2019.

Julia Watkins

### Spelling Challenge

This term, children have been practising their spellings at home to achieve stars for their spelling challenge. Children who achieved 10 stars will be receiving a prize in Celebration Assembly on the last day of term. The winning team for this term is Maple and all children who have achieved their stars will be joining Miss Hepplewhite for festive fun on Tuesday 18th December. Next term, the focus will be on achieving a spelling score in the weekly spelling test.



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### 5Rs at Blackfell - Resilience



The 5R's underpin our values and ethos at Blackfell. We will continue to celebrate children's achievements each term. This term, children have been voting for children who they think has made a significant contribution in resilience. We are delighted to announce our winners:

Nursery - Ollie Georgeson, Isla Golden

Reception - James Rutter, Jasmine Waggott

Year 1 - JJ Beadling, Isla McIntyre

Year 2- Ellie Garnett, Aaron Coulson Patel

Year 3- Isabelle Hadrick, Elliott Halse

Year 4- Dylan Robinson, Aimee Leigh Cooper

Year 5- Bo Atwill, Bailey Riches

Year 6- Tilly Newstead, Alex McGovern

All winners were awarded with a cuddly penguin and a certificate. At the end of the year all children who have been winners will be invited to an end of year event to Tynemouth Aquarium or Gibside. Next half term, the focus will be on resourcefulness.



### Attendance

This term, 85 children are on track to achieve 100% attendance for the Autumn term. This year, children who have achieved this will be invited to attend a Domino's pizza lunch on Thursday 20th December. Reception class won attendance of the month for November and will be rewarded with popcorn and movie afternoon. On Friday 21st December, the last day of term, it will be a non uniform day for all children across school.

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## Christmas Activities



Reception children performing 'Christmas Counts'



Nursery sing a song



Santa Claus visited the Christmas Fair



Year 1 / Year 2 production 'The Inn-spectors'



Christmas Fair



Year 3 and Year 4 production of 'Bah Humbug'