

Newsletter

8th April - 22nd April - Easter holidays
23rd April - School reopens for summer term
2nd May - Community room used as polling station - School open as usual
13th May - SATs week - free breakfast club for Year 6 all week
17th May - Year 6 visit
21st May - Year 4 to Gibside Residential visit
23rd May - Community room used as polling station - School open as usual
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 - Raising Aspirations/Inspiring the Future fortnight
4th June - Year 6 to visit Safety Works
10th June - Phonics Screening week for Year 1 children
17th June - Nursery sports morning/Be Fit, Be Safe, Be Healthy Week
17th June - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports afternoon
18th June - Year 6 to visit Sunderland University
19th June - Year 3,4,5, 6 sports afternoon
26th June - Winners of 5R school visit- Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
27th June - Winners of 5R school visit - Year 3,4,5,6
1st July - Transition week for Year 6 children
9th July - Summer picnic
11th July - Year 6 to visit Forbidden Corner
12th July - Reports to Parent/Carers
17th July - Year 6 leavers assembly 5pm
19th July - Break up for summer holidays
3rd September - INSET DAY Closed to pupils
4th September - School reopens

Theatre Visits



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be visiting the Theatre Royal on Tuesday 23rd April. The performance is 'Room on a Broom'. The show is an afternoon performance and lasts one hour. Children will be back in time for normal collection. School will provide children with a small packet of sweets. Please ensure all consent forms are returned to school.

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Headteacher's Update

As the spring term comes to an end, we have had a fantastic run up to the Easter holiday. I would like to welcome Mrs Clark (parent to Ethan and Robyn) and Mrs Readymarcher (parent to Millie) as Parent Governors to Blackfell. We know that they will both make a fantastic contribution to the leadership of our school and look forward to working with them closely.

We welcome three trainee teachers to our school for the summer term. They will be working alongside Mrs Hutchinson, Miss Hepplewhite and Miss Henderson.

Once again, it has been proven that we certainly have many talented children and parents/grandparents/carers in our school community and thank them all for their support with the fabulous entries in our Easter challenges (Easter Bonnet Parade for Nursery and Reception children and the traditional Blackfell Egg competition in Years 1-6). The standard of all entries was very high and congratulations to our winners. Canon Hopper had the difficult job as 'head judge' to choose first, second and third winners linked to the theme for this year: 'Race to the Moon'. Our staff competition proved just as popular; well done to Mrs Searle, Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Manning who won this event.

Our last event of the spring term was our Easter assembly. Family and friends of Year 5 were invited to join in with this celebration on Thursday to hear about the Easter story and sing Spring time songs.

We have many exciting plans for next term including 'World of Work and Aspirations' weeks (we will be looking for volunteers to share their achievements and experiences of the world of work to help prepare children for their future), 'Be Fit, Be Safe, Be Healthy week' linked to sports days, a summer family festival and picnic, educational visits, reception class assembly and sports days. Further details to follow.

We hope that you all have an enjoyable Easter holiday and the sun starts to shine!

Thank you for your continued support to make our school the very best it can be.

Julia Watkins

Headteacher

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Dinner money /on line payments

Please ensure that all dinner money is paid on a Monday or in advance of having a meal. At Blackfell, we buy into the consortium for school meals and late payments can no longer be accepted. Payment must be sent in with the child in an envelope with their name and class or handed to the school office. Payment can also be made on line on Sunderland Council website: www.sunderland.gov.uk. This can be used to pay for dinners, trips, breakfast club or after school clubs. There is also a link on the school's website under parent/carer then choose online payment.

Once again, the children have been voting for their peers. Well done to Pippa Roger, Lewis Scott, Ellen Ross, Archie Walsh, Jack Castling, Lily Beattie, Lydia Smith, Mason Forester, Ellis Kerry, Emily Beattie, Daniel Ross, Lily Georgeson, Niamh Stevenson, Harry Beadling, Shay Scott and Olivia Allen. Children were presented in celebration assembly with their prize, a cuddly toy fox, a certificate and an end of year visit has been arranged. Next term children will be voting for resourcefulness.



Attendance

86 children have achieved 100% attendance for the Spring term. Children were rewarded with a visit from the ice cream van. This was so popular we have already booked the ice cream van to return at the end of the summer for 100% attendance. Children who achieve 100% for the academic year will be presented in assembly with a special trophy.



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Easter 2019

Nursery and Reception welcomed 5 new arrivals last week, ducklings! Reception were lucky enough to watch our final duckling hatch on Friday. We have had lots of fun watching and holding the ducks. This week the ducklings were allowed to go swimming so we put them in their swimming pool and watched them play and swim in the water. They were very entertaining! There were some fantastic entries for the egg competition this year and some wonderful Easter bonnets from children in Nursery and Reception.



Competition winners

Well done to Sadie Castling from Year 4 who has won a £50 voucher from Sun FM. Over 5000 booklets were distributed amongst Sunderland schools. Sadie's entry was an overall winner. As a reward, Year 4 also win a free activity session from Peak Physical and Active Kids. Sadie completed the drawing entry family challenge on how to stay fit and healthy.



Grace, Isaac, Halle and Alicia enjoyed a trip out to Frankie & Benny's for lunch and a visit to Asda to pick their favourite book as a reward for winning the World Book Day Competition.