

Blackfell Primary School Newsletter



Enjoy a School Lunch

Since the start of the new term, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are now entitled to a free school meal everyday. We would encourage all parents/carers to take full advantage of this initiative. All meals are cooked fresh on the school site and provide a nutritious meal for your child. If you pay for meals then we request that this is paid in full every Monday morning. The cost is £9.50 per week.

Dates for your Diary

17th Sep -	Welcome Evening 5.30pm
22nd Sep -	Year 5 Cycling Proficiency
1st Oct -	Year 1 visit to Alnwick Castle
2nd Oct -	KS2 Movie night 3.15pm-5pm
13th Oct-	Year 6 visit to Beamish Museum
14th Oct -	Harvest Assembly
15th Oct -	Parent Consultations 3pm-6pm
16th Oct -	Parent Consultations 3pm-5pm
27th Oct -	Half Term
3rd Nov -	School reopens
4th Nov -	Foundation Stage Parent Workshop 4pm
4th Nov -	Reception, Year 1, Year 2 Movie night 3.15pm-5pm
5th Nov -	Year 2 visit Discovery Museum
13th Nov -	Year 1 assembly 9.15am (Parents invited)
14th Nov -	Children in Need - Non Uniform Day /Cake Sale
17th Nov -	Anti Bullying Week
19th Nov -	Year 5 to visit Centre of Life
19th Nov -	School Disco
26th Nov -	Year 6 assembly 9.15am (Parents invited)
2nd Dec -	Year 3 to visit Bowes Museum
5th Dec -	Nursery/Reception Christmas Production 9.15am
9th Dec -	Year 3,4,5,6 Christmas Show 9.15am and 2pm
10th Dec -	Nursery, Reception Year 1 and Year 2 to Washington Art Centre
11th Dec -	Christmas Lunch
12th Dec -	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production 9.15am and 2pm
15th Dec -	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party 1.15am
16th Dec -	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party
17th Dec -	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party
18th Dec -	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party
19th Dec -	Break up for Christmas Holidays

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Headteacher's Update

Welcome to our first newsletter of this academic year. 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 into their classes and adjusted to new routines. Our new Nursery and Reception children have made a fantastic start and impressed us all with their enthusiasm for school. Yesterday you will have received your invitation to our annual Welcome Evening next Wednesday. Please complete the return slip by Monday so we can ascertain numbers for refreshments and seating. We have had a lot of work carried out during the school holidays and we know that you will enjoy having a tour of the school, meeting your child's class teacher and hearing about developments and priorities for this year. I am delighted that we will also be launching our new school website at the meeting and hope that this will be both informative as well as an opportunity to showcase all of the exciting activities and events across our school.

Julia Watkins

Attendance Initiative

It is really important that children attend school regularly. We aim for every child to have at least 95% attendance and above. Last academic year our attendance was a fantastic 97.4% an increase of 2% on the previous year. Once again we will be rewarding attendance over the year in a number of ways. Attendance is celebrated every Friday in our Celebration Assembly. The class with the highest attendance receives a certificate of achievement and will also be rewarded by an extended playtime during the following week. We will be introducing termly rewards. Children with attendance of 95%-98% will be awarded a bronze certificate, children with attendance of 98.1%-99.9% will be awarded a silver certificate and children with 100% attendance will be rewarded with a gold certificate and be treated to a VIP lunch in school served by the Headteacher and school staff. This term (from September to the end of term) the VIP lunch will be Italian. The hall will be decorated with balloons, banners and tables will be set with tablecloths, napkins and accessories. Last autumn term we had 100 children who had 100% attendance and we hope to increase the number of children this term! Children who have attendance of 100% for the whole academic year will be part of a 'Movie Magic'. This includes a trip to the cinema with popcorn and ice creams. We understand there are times when your child may be unwell and can not attend school, please contact the school office at the beginning of the day so that attendance registers can be accurate.

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Washington 50 Celebrations

We are part of 12 local schools who have been celebrating 50 years of Washington. On Monday 8th September the children enjoyed an afternoon on the school field taking part in sporting activities, face painting as well as a disco. We had a surprise visit from Sunny Seagull from Sun FM who dropped by to join in the fun. Check out more photos on

the Sun FM website.



Speed Shot Challenge

Thank you to everyone who helped support the school with the sponsored speed shot challenge back in July. The school raised £700 for school fund. This money will be used to buy new goal posts and childrens sports kit for festivals. Well done to Nathan Smith who received a football top of his choice for raising the most money. (Mr Barrass was pleased to see he chose a Sunderland shirt!!!)

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School Council 2014-2015

Congratulations to our newly elected School Council. Elections have been held this week across the school. Following campaigns and speeches, classes have voted for a boy and girl to represent them at meetings throughout the year. Badges were awarded in assembly this morning and duties this term include supporting our Harvest Festival, Anti Bullying Week activities and helping to organise our Christmas Fair.

Year 1 - Ella Beattie, Aaron Taylor

Year 4 - Caitlin Hunter, Euan Walters

Year 2 - Tilly Newstead, James Morrell

Year 5 - Abi Jackson, Adam Turnbull

Year 3 - Rebecca Miller, Nathan Smith

Year 6 - Chloe Robson, Ben Heaps



Washington Heritage Festival 2014

The annual Washington Heritage Festival will take place on Saturday 20th September from 11.00am - 4.00pm starting with the Banner Parade down Washington Front Street to Albany Park. The event is sponsored by Sunderland City Council and supported by a wide variety of voluntary cultural and charitable organisations from Washington. For older children and parents to celebrate the 50th anniversary an 8 mile bike ride around local landmarks, such as the Old Hall and the Victoria Viaduct has been arranged. A relaxed ride, suitable for any type of bike and for those aged 12 and over using quiet roads and cycle paths. The event will start at 11.30a.m at the F Pit and is free to enter. To sign up please contact Bryan Attewell on Tel No: 4153506