

# Blackfell Primary School Newsletter



## Dates for your Diary

2nd March -	Internet Safety training for parents 5pm
5th March -	World Book Day (children can dress up as a character from a book)
10th March -	Parent Consultations 3pm - 5pm (Year 4 and 6 only)
11th March -	Parent Consultations 3pm - 6pm
12th March -	Parent Consultation 3pm - 5pm
13th March -	Red Nose Day
13th March -	Year 6 to visit Nissan
16th March -	Chicks arrive in school
16th March -	Healthy Lifestyle Week
19th March -	Year 4 class assembly 9.15am
<b>20th March -</b>	<b>School Closed - Inset Day</b>
25th March -	Year 4 to visit the Centre of Life
26th March -	Year 3 class assembly 9.15am
26th March -	Year 2 visit to Gibside
26th March -	Year 3,4,5,6 Movie night 3.15-5pm
26th March -	Washington Primary Schools Annual Swimming Gala
27th March -	Parents Coffee afternoon 2.15pm
31st March -	Cross Country Festival Year 3,4,5 and 6
1st April -	Easter egg competition/Easter bonnet parade for Nursery/Reception
2nd April -	Meal - VIP Lunch
3rd April -	School closes for Easter holidays
20th April -	School reopens for Summer term
7th May -	Reception assembly 9.15am
7th May -	Community room used as polling station
11th May -	Sats week
18th May -	Multi Cultural week
19th May -	Year 4 skipping festival at Oxclose Academy
22nd May -	Break up for half term
1st June -	School reopens
All dates and events are on our school website	

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## Headteacher's Update

Spring is on the way and here at Blackfell and we are starting many new projects across the school. We have a very busy half term planned and some engaging and exciting curriculum opportunities for our children. We are looking forward to our 'Healthy Lifestyle' week starting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Mr Barrass has included the details below.

To support their topic this half term, Nursery and Reception children are eagerly awaiting the arrival of some eggs that they will be caring for to hopefully hatch out chicks. To make this occasion even more exciting and memorable, we have arranged for a 24 hour live webcam to show their developments. Just visit our school website and click on the link from Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March and you will be able to join in with the school seeing the chicks' progress.

We hope that you have received your invitation to our Parent Consultations week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> March. All confirmed appointments will be sent home by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Please make every effort to attend as you will have the opportunity to see your child's work in all areas of the curriculum and receive mid year reports and targets from the class teacher.

I look forward to seeing you at our half termly Coffee afternoon on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm. Mr Barrass will be joining me to tell you about the impact of the Government's Sports Funding and the success of our Healthy Lifestyle week.

Best wishes

Julia Watkins

## Healthy Lifestyle

During the week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March we will be spending time investigating health, fitness and well-being. The aim of the week is to encourage further awareness of what a balanced nutritional lifestyle entails. In addition, the importance of exercise, fitness and looking after our heart will be explored further. The children will work with Cook4Life and the LAF team to understand the different food groups and they will have the opportunity to cook and eat a range of their own healthy, nutritional food. We are looking forward to participating in a range of sports and fitness classes during this week with dodgeball, athletics and hula-hooping with the 'Hoopstarz'.

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### Easter Arrangements - All things British!



The school council have been helping us with ideas on how to celebrate Easter at Blackfell. On Wednesday 1st April we will be having a British themed day where children can come to school dressed in red, white and blue. Fish and chips will be served as a traditional British meal. The Easter egg competition will be called "British Blackfell Egg Off". Children can design and decorate an egg at home that incorporates all things British. Prizes will be awarded to each class and judged by our community policeman. Nursery and Reception children will be having an Easter bonnet parade and singing Easter songs at 9.15am in the main school hall. Parents are welcome to join in the event. Following feedback from parents at the coffee afternoon it has been decided to invite parents/carers/grandparents from 2pm on Wednesday 1st April for a traditional cream tea. We hope you can join us.



### Nissan Visit - Year 6

We are delighted that Year 6 have been invited to an interactive workshop at the Nissan car plant in Sunderland. The event is called the "Monozurkuri Caravan". The workshop explores the exciting world of manufacturing through the use of a Lego production line in which the children will set up and build model cars. It will also give the opportunity to see, hear and use some of the tools that they make to build cars. This is a real community project where Nissan is trying to engage with children in the region to allow the children to explore and learn about Nissan and car building. Prior to the visit, the children have been set a challenge to design a new logo for Monozurkuri Caravan. The best design will be presented with a prize on the day.

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### Movie Night

Movie night for children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 will be on Thursday 26th March. This will take place after school and children will need to be collected at 5pm. The cost is £2 this will include a hotdog, drink and sweets. The movie selected by the School Council that will shown is Maleficent (PG). If you would like your child to attend, please return the money to the school office in a sealed envelope with your child's name on.

### CEOP Training

Don't forget to join us tonight from 5pm in the main school hall. A presentation has been arranged about Keeping Children Safe On Line. With the increase in social media, phones, gaming etc. we are sure you will find this session really beneficial. The session will last no longer than 45 minutes. Childcare arrangements will be available.

### World Book Day - 5th March

- Dress up as a book character
- Bring in favourite book to share with their friends
- Visit different classes to share stories
- Fun, exciting activities linked to literature
- Rev Sheelagh Aston will be joining us for our whole school assembly celebrating World Book Day

### Payment on line

Payment on line can be used **only** for school dinners. If you prefer to pay for dinners using this online service you can do so by visiting [www.sunderland.gov.uk](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk). Choose

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School Meals



Complete the message box with child's name

Dinners are £9.50 per week.

### Attendance

127 children are on track to receive this terms American themed lunch on 2nd April. 63 children are on track to visit the cinema at the end of year for achieving 100% attendance. To date attendance is 97% across school. Keep it up everyone!