



News Bulletin

April 2023



HEADTEACHER UPDATE

As I write the introduction to our April newsletter, our Year 6 are preparing for their statutory assessment test in early May. Thank you to all of you that have supported them and we are sure that they will all do very well. All of the children (and staff) have worked extremely hard to ensure everyone does their very best and we are very proud of them.

All Year 6 children can access free breakfast club from Tuesday 9th May until Friday 12th May. Please let the school office know if your child will be accessing the breakfast club so we can ascertain numbers. There will be a wide selection of breakfast items and our usual sports coach so children can participate in some sporting activities prior to the school day. Breakfast club opens at 7.45am and breakfast is served until 8.30am.

Year 6 are looking forward to their residential visit to Derwent Hill in June to enjoy the beauty of the Lake District and participate in outdoor activities. In addition, they will be leading some fundraising activities in the summer term.

As a school, we are looking forward to celebrating King Charles III coronation. We will be celebrating this on Thursday 4th May with a special lunch. Everyone is welcome to wear red, white and blue clothing and accessories. Thank you to Bethan Walker who has kindly made every child a personalised bookmark as a memento of this very important occasion.

All dates for the rest of this term are available on our school website.

I look forward to seeing you all at our summer events.

Best wishes

Julia Watkins

Dinner Money - School Meals

Following the increase in food costs in the past year governors have agreed that the price of a school meal will need to increase by 5p to **£2.65** after May half term. As from Monday 5th June 2023 school meals will be £13.25 per week.

Children have a great choice every day of a hot meal, drink and pudding which they choose in advance - therefore always getting their required choice.

BLACKFELL NEWS

Theatre Visit



Children from all year groups enjoyed a performance of The Jungle Book in school. M & M productions visited school and entertained the children with a great show. The show was paid for with money that has been raised for school fund.



Sport

A big congratulations to our girls' football team! On Thursday 30th March they represented our school in a tournament at Albany. We were so proud of how well they worked as a team. They played some brilliant football and narrowly missed out on going through to the finals. They have competed so well throughout the year and have represented Blackfell brilliantly. Well done.



We would like to welcome our new school council for the Summer term. Amber and Jayden from Year 1; Ava and Jacob from Year 2; Betsy and Bobby from Year 3; Hannah and Jay from Year 4; Jasmine and Andy from Year 5 and Janine and Thomas from Year 6. This term, the School Council will be working with Mr Barrass and Miss Kitchen to organise the King's Coronation events and raising awareness of keeping our local area tidy. Keep Washington Tidy have visited school this week to share an assembly about respecting our local area and we look forward to their other ideas for this initiative.



Important Dates

- 1st May - Bank Holiday school closed
- 4th May - Community room used as polling station 7am - 10pm
- 4th May - King Charles III Coronation Day - wear red, white or blue.
- 8th May - Bank Holiday school closed
- 9th May - SATs week
- 16th May - Derwent Hill meeting for Year 6 parent/carers 3.30pm
- 22nd May - Be Safe, Be Fit, Be Healthy week
- 23rd May - Nursery sports morning (9.15 am)
- 23rd May - Year 3,4,5,6, sports afternoon 1.30pm
- 24th May - Reception Year 1 and Year 2 sports afternoon 1.30pm
- 26th May - School closed to children - Inset Day
- 29th - 2nd June - School closed half term
- 5th June - School reopens
- 23rd June - Derwent Hill weekend
- 26th June - Aspirations week
- 27th - 29th June - Year 6 Transition days - Oxclose Academy
- 14th July - End of year reports to parents
- 17th July - Parent/carers drop ins until 4.15pm
- 18th July - Year 6 leavers assembly 4.30pm
- 20th July - Last day of term