

Blackfell Primary School Newsletter



Summer Reminders

As the warmer weather approaches please ensure children bring a sun hat and water bottle to school. Please apply sun cream to children **before** they come into school. Please ensure that all school uniform is clearly named as children often take jumpers off during playtimes and on the school field. A reminder that children must wear Blackfell PE kit which consists of a white t-shirt and black shorts (no football tops to be worn).

Dates for your Diary

4th May -	School Closed Bank Holiday Monday
7th May -	Reception assembly 9.15am
7th May -	Community room used as a polling station
7th May -	Derwent Hill meeting for parents 4pm
8th May -	Coffee Afternoon 2.15pm - Planning for school picnic
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
5th June -	Derwent Hill weekend
8th June -	New Nursery Parents meeting 5pm
11th June -	Year 5 class assembly 9.15am
15th June -	Nursery sports morning 9.30am
16th June -	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports day 1.30pm
17th June -	Year 3,4,5 and 6 sports day 1.30pm
26th June -	School closed - Inset Day
1st July -	School Discos
9th July -	Summer picnic 2pm
10th July -	Reports go out to parent/carers
15th July -	Cinema visit for 100% attendance
15th July -	Year 6 leavers assembly 5.30pm
17th July -	Break up for summer holidays
1st September -	School reopens for Autumn term

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Headteacher's Update

Welcome to the summer term! As I write the introduction to our May newsletter, the children in Year 6 are preparing for their up and coming statutory assessment tasks in the very near future. All of the children have worked very hard to do their very best and we all wish them the best of luck! All year 6 children are welcome to access our Breakfast Club free of charge during SATs week (w/c 11th May). There is no need to book just arrive from 7.45 am until 8.30am for breakfast. Thank you to all of you that have supported them and we are sure that they will all have a fantastic final term at Blackfell.

We hope that you found the summer term Curriculum Overviews and personalised targets you received on Wednesday informative. Once again we have a fun packed, busy term planned for children across the school. I am particularly looking forward to our Multi Cultural Week commencing 18th May. Mrs Hutchinson has included our aims and desired outcomes further in this newsletter.

It would be lovely to see as many as possible at my Headteacher's coffee afternoon on the 8th May at 2.15pm. We will be holding a Family Picnic afternoon on Thursday 9th July (weather permitting) and would like parent/carers to help plan and support this community event. If you would like to help, please call in for a coffee and cake to share your ideas.

Best wishes

Julia Watkins

Royal British Legion VE Day

Mrs Watkins along with two school councillors will be attending the 70th VE Day Commemorations in Washington Village on Sunday 10th May. The school along with other official Youth Groups of Washington will be presented with a commemorative plaque to mark this important event. The commemorations will start with a parade from the Old Post Office in Village Lane at 10.30am and finish at the War Memorial on Village Green. A short service of thanksgiving at the war memorial on Village Green will follow. All families from Washington are invited to attend a street party which has been arranged at the Black Bush Village Lane starting at 11.15am where games and face-painting has been arranged.

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Multicultural Week May 2015



At the end of this term we will be celebrating our Multicultural week here at Blackfell. The purpose of our Multicultural week is for the children to gain an understanding of the diverse society we live in, with different cultural, linguistic and faith groups. At Blackfell we serve a multi-faith community where each person is respected and valued equally without regard to ability, gender, sexual orientation, faith, heritage or race. We believe that it is important for our children to know, understand, value and respect this diversity by delivering a curriculum which will enrich all children's experience and understanding of the world we live in. The aim of the Multicultural week is to raise awareness of the fact that we live in a multicultural society and to value others' customs and culture and to help promote British Values within Blackfell Primary School. To achieve this it is important that we create opportunities for our children to develop an understanding; knowledge of and a respect for other cultures. Throughout our Multicultural week each class will focus on different country learning about their faith, culture, customs and traditions. The children will experience a range of exciting learning opportunities, including visits to local places of worship, visitors, such as chefs, a drama company, artists, and dancers into school. The week will end with the children joining together to share their learning experiences with one another. It will be a fun packed week which will help our children to become knowledgeable and understanding citizens who can build a better Britain for the future.

Mrs Hutchinson

BBC Junior Bake Off

Junior bake off is looking for Britain's best young bakers. Does your child love baking and want to put their skills to the test? Can they make the most mouth watering shortbread?. CBBC is looking for junior bakers aged between 9-12 years across the county to take part in the new Junior Bake Off. If you would like more details go to <http://thegreatbritishbakeoff.co.uk/applications> for an application form.

Governor News

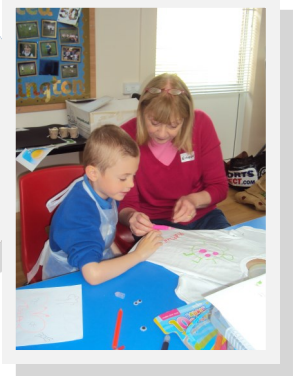
Mr Polden a Local Authority appointed governor will be leaving his role when his term of office comes to an end in June. On behalf of all the staff and parents I would like to thank Mr Polden for all his years of service and contribution to Blackfell School. We currently have one parent vacancy. If any one would like more information, please speak to Mrs Watkins.

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Family Learning

Thank you to all the parents/grandparents from Nursery and Reception who have signed up to take part in Outdoor Explorers a family learning programme with Apexextra. Parents work alongside their children - this week they were making t shirts and bird feeders.



The session will run for 6 weeks.

Virgin Money



Year 6 will be working with Virgin Money from Washington on an Enterprise project called 'Watch Your Money Grow'. Every child will be given £5 from Virgin Money and the children will need to come up with ideas of things to sell or jobs to do to make a profit. Any profit is for the children to spend on end of term outings. They will be selling their products/gifts at the Family Picnic Day on Thursday 9th July.

Training Day

Please be aware that school will be closed on Friday 26th June for an Inset Day.

Polling Station

On May 7th the Community Room will be used as a Polling Station. School will be open as normal and all afterschool clubs will be taking place.

Performing Arts

Miss Hepplewhite and Miss Stockport are running an after school club on a Monday night. The children are learning an arrangement of songs from the Lion King and developing their drama skills. They will putting on a small production on Monday 6th July at 4.30pm. Tickets will be available closer to the time.