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IMPORTANT DATES

14th December - Nursery and Reception Party 1pm (no nursery session in morning)
15th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party 1.15pm
15th December - Choir to sing at Galleries 10.00am
16th December - Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party 1.15pm
17th December - Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party 1.15pm
18th December - National Christmas Jumper Day (optional)
18th December - Last day of Autumn term 100% attendance lunch
4th January - School closed - Inset Day
5th January - School reopens for children
20th January - Year 6 to visit Safety Works in Newcastle
9th February - Year 4 class assembly 9.15am
10th February - Chinese New Year Assembly
15th-19th February - Half term
22nd February - Creative week
1st March - Year 6 class assembly 9.15am
3rd March - World Book Day - Book swap
7th March - RNLI in school
8th March - Parent Consultations 3-5pm
9th March - Parent Consultations 3-6pm
15th March - Year 1 assembly 9.15am
17th March - Year 3 to visit Segedunum
21st March - Easter Bonnet Parade 9.15am
22nd March - Year 5 class assembly 9.15am
22nd March - Egg competition
23rd March - Last day of Spring Term
11 April - School reopens for Summer Term

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from all Staff and Governors at
Blackfell Primary School.*



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Headteacher's Update

What a fantastic start we have had to the festive season! We are well into the spirit of Christmas here at Blackfell and our school looks beautiful adorned with Christmas trees and tinsel. We have thoroughly enjoyed all our Christmas performances. We are so proud of the children singing and performing with confidence.

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Fair last week. It was, as always a huge success and we matched last years total to raise £1200! In addition we raised £966 from our sponsor Maths challenges last month. We will update you in our newsletters how we spend the money across the school for the improved outcomes of all children.

The children have once again been a real credit to us all this term. They have all worked very hard, enjoyed many new learning experiences and contributed so well to the success of our school. Thank you all for your continuing support and contributions. I would also like to thank the staff who all work tirelessly to support the children to be the very best they can be!

We hope that you all have a lovely festive family Christmas and everyone at Blackfell wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2016.

Best Wishes

Julia Watkins

Christmas Lunch

Thank you to all kitchen staff and Lunchtime Supervisors for serving a traditional Christmas lunch. It was enjoyed by all staff and children.



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Christmas Performances

We hope you enjoyed all the Christmas performances.



Foundation Stage 'A miracle in Town'



Key Stage 1 - A Midwife Crisis



Key Stage 2 - Traditional Carol Services



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Christmas Parties

Christmas Parties will be held next week. All children except Nursery and Reception children can come to school dressed in their party clothes. For Nursery children the morning session on Monday 14th December will be changed to the afternoon, and children brought into school at 1pm. Reception children can bring their party clothes in a bag and staff will change children after lunch. Children do not need to go home to get changed. On Friday 18th December it is National Christmas Jumper Day. Children can come to school dressed in normal uniform with a Christmas jumper or accessories.

Christmas Card Competition



Well done to Mya Okerife, Shaun Hair and Connie James who got through to the final at Washington Art Centre in the 'Design A Christmas Card Competition.' Mya was the overall winner from all Washington schools for Nursery/Reception category. All children received prizes presented by Sharon Hodgson Local MP.

Attendance

115 children are on track to achieve 100% attendance for the Autumn term. Children will receive a Dominos lunch on the last day of term. All children who have achieved 95% or above will receive a certificate. Well done to Year 5 who won 'Class of the Month' for the best overall attendance for November at 98.4%. The children were rewarded with a movie and popcorn afternoon. Elliott Halse from Reception and Owen Wright Year 5 also won bowling vouchers being this month's spot prize winners. Whole school attendance to date is currently 97.7%. Well done to everyone - keep it up.