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IMPORTANT DATES

4th-5th July - Oxclose transition day for Year 6
4th July - Transition morning Reception - Year 5 - meet their new teacher
6th July - Whole school summer picnic afternoon 12.30pm start
8th July - End of year reports to parent/carers
12th July - Parent/carer drop in sessions 3.30pm - 4.30pm
13th July - Parent/carer drop in sessions 3.30pm - 4.30pm
14th July - Reading Challenge "Team Winners Reward"
18th July - Leavers assembly 5.30pm
20th July - 100% attendance bowling visit
20th July - Party lunch for 100% attendance summer term
20th July - Last day of summer term
5th September - School closed to pupils - INSET DAY
6th September - School reopens to pupils

School Uniform

We know that many of you will be preparing for the new academic year and purchasing uniform. Please can we remind you that our school uniform consists of grey skirt/trousers, white or blue polo shirt, school jumper/cardigan and black school shoes/trainers (no coloured markings). Blue gingham checked dresses are also acceptable for the warmer months. The PE uniform is black shorts and a white t-shirt. Blue hoodies are also available to purchase for PE. For health and safety reasons we **do not** allow children to wear any form of jewellery in school, including earrings.



Headlice

Can I once again ask parents to be vigilant and regularly check your child's hair. A number of parents have reported about their children having headlice. This can be a reoccurring problem if left untreated.

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Headteacher's Update

It is difficult to believe that this is our last newsletter of this academic year. We have had another very successful year here at Blackfell and the children are a real credit to yourselves and our school. We are very proud of our many achievements and improving outcomes for all children. As I write, our Year 6 children are busy rehearsing for their end of year leavers' performance. All of the staff (as are the children's families), are looking forward to celebrating their happy times at Blackfell and ensure that they all have a very warm send off as they move on to their respective secondary schools. We are looking forward to our summer Family Picnic on the 6th July. Please come along with your chairs, rugs etc (weather permitting) for a lovely afternoon. Details of the event were sent out last week. Please inform us if you are unable to make the event or if you require school to provide a packed lunch. Every child will receive an ice-cream after they sing their class song. Year 6 have also been really busy making lots of enterprise goods to sell on the day. We hope that you will support them in their efforts.

The children are enjoying new equipment that has been installed in Key Stage 2 yard. New ball catcher, goal posts, table, chairs and new playground markings have now been completed. Work on refurbishing Year 1 girls toilets will take place during the summer holidays.

You will receive your child's end of year progress report on Friday 8th July followed by drop in sessions on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th July which I hope you can make. I would like to thank you all for your continuing support over the past year and hope that you all have a fantastic summer holiday and return relaxed and ready for the new term on Tuesday 6th September

Best Wishes
Julia Watkins

Safety with Bikes/Scooters

We welcome children to come to school on their bikes/scooters, however they **MUST** be wearing a helmet if on a bike. Please ensure that they take care on the path outside of school gate as it can get busy with pedestrians and we do not want any accidents or injuries. A reminder that all bikes/scooters must be pushed on/off the school site.

Safeguarding

A reminder that dogs are not permitted anywhere on the school site whether on a lead or being carried by an owner. Please remember school is strictly a no smoking site including e cigarettes. We must adhere to these strict safeguarding arrangements. Thank you for your co-operation.

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Sports Days

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Sports Days. It was lovely to see all the children competing for their respective house teams. The winners for Reception/Key Stage 1 with 105 points was Oak and Key Stage 2 winning house was Willow with 94 points.

Nursery Sports Morning



Key Stage 1



Key Stage 2



ATTENDANCE

43 children are on track to achieve 100% attendance for this academic year, a fantastic achievement. Children will be rewarded with a bowling trip on the last day of term. 103 children have achieved 100% for summer term and are looking forward to another party lunch. Overall this years attendance is currently 96.6% which is slightly below our target of 97%. Please help us to achieve our target by ensuring your child is in school every day until we break up for summer.

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Visits/Visitors

Kingsway Outdoor Learning

On Monday 27th June, Year 6 completed a day of outdoor survival activities. Like Bear Grylls, they were shown how to survive if they were ever stranded on a desert island. In the morning, they were taught about the dangers of fire and the importance of fire safety. Using tools such as flint and a bow drill, they were shown how it could be possible to make heat for food and warmth alongside fire to keep away dangerous animals. Year 6 sampled wild 'delicacies' such as meal worms and crickets before cooking bread dough on an open fire. Other activities included making filters to purify dirty water and using basic materials to create a shelter. Team work was so important! The children had a fantastic day and really enjoyed learning about life in the wild



Year 4 enjoyed a recent visit to Beamish. They took part in activities learning all about life as a child during 3 different periods. They visited the farm, took part in a blackout and a gas mask drill and also an air raid. The children then went back to 1897 and had a lesson all about the 3 R's - writing, reading and arithmetic. The teacher was very strict!

