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IMPORTANT DATES

5th December - Nursery & Reception to visit Art Centre to see Santa's Little Helper (pm)
6th December - Nursery Christmas Singing 9.15am
7th December - Reception Christmas Production 9.15am and 2pm
8th December - Punctuation show Y1-Y6 pm
9th December - Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Production 9.15am and 2pm
13th December - Year 5 & 6 Carol Service 2pm
15th December - Year 3 & 4 Carol Service 2pm
16th December - Christmas Dinner, Christmas jumper day
19th December - Reception, Year 1,2 & 3,4 Christmas Party
20th December - Nursery party am
20th December - Year 5 & 6 Christmas party pm
21st December - Last day of Autumn term 100% attendance lunch
9th January - School reopens Spring term
12th January - Show Racism the Red Card Year 5 and Year 6
16th January - Parents/carers to receive Spring term curriculum overview
16th January - Year 6 Sats meeting for parents 4.30pm
24th January - Year 3 and Year 4 swimming festival
30th January - Year 6 to visit Safety works
31st January - Year 1 Infant agility challenge at Oxclose Academy
14th February - Year 4 class assembly 9.15am
20th February - 24th February - Half term
3rd March - World Book Day
6th March - Parent/Carer Consultations 3pm - 5pm
8th March - Parent/Carer Consultations 3pm - 6pm
14th March - Year 3 class assembly 9.15am
14th March - Year 2 Infant agility challenge at Oxclose Academy
20th March - Year 2 class assembly 9.15am
4th April - Easter bonnet parade Nursery and Reception (am)
5th April - Easter egg competition Year 1- Year 6
6th April - Easter assembly
7th April - 100% attendance lunch
10th April- 21st April - Easter holidays
24th April - School reopens for summer term
1st May - School closed bank holiday
2nd May - Parents/carers to receive Summer term curriculum overview
8th May - SATs week for Year 6
16th May - Reception class assembly 9.15am
29th May - 2nd June - Half term holiday
5th June - School reopens

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Headteacher's Update

We are well into the spirit of Christmas here at Blackfell and our school looks very festive adorned with Christmas trees and decorations. We are looking forward to our Christmas performances over the next two weeks and of course, Christmas dinner on the 16th December!

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Fair last week. It was, as always, a huge success and we matched last year's total to raise £1200! This annual event was hugely popular and enjoyed by the whole school community.

The children have once again been a real credit to us all this term. Our Ofsted report is due next Monday. I will send a copy to every family when it arrives.

We are all looking forward to our cinema visit next Wednesday. The children 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 that make Blackfell Primary such a wonderful place for children to learn. I would also like to thank all of the staff who all work tirelessly to support the children to be the very best they can be and provide such a fantastic education for all the children.

We hope that you all have a lovely festive, family Christmas and best wishes for 2017.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 9th January 2017.

Best wishes

Julia Watkins

Safeguarding

Please ensure that once your child/children are handed over by staff at the end of the school day, they are supervised appropriately. Please keep your child by your side and not allow them to run on the grass or in front of the main school doors. It's a very busy time and it is important their whereabouts is known at all times.

Going for Gold

We look forward to welcoming Para Olympian Matt Wylie into school on 11th January. Matt will be holding an assembly for children and doing a presentation about his achievements in swimming in Rio earlier this year. Children will watch a video of his heat, final and medal presentation. Matt will be dressed in his Para GB team kit and will be bringing his Gold medal to share with the children. This will launch our 'Going for Goals' PSHE topic for the Spring term.

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Sponsored Event

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated for the sponsored stepathon. £435 was raised for school. The money will be spent on additional sports equipment for lunch and playtimes. Reception class raised the most money and all children were rewarded with an additional PE lesson from a specialist hula-hooping coach.

Choir



On Saturday 3rd December children from the the choir enjoyed performing Christmas Carols at the Bowes Railway Museum, Springwell. Thanks to Miss Hepplewhite and all the parents for their support.

Year 2 Superheros

To conclude their superhero topic this term, Year 2 enjoyed dressing up for a day and visited the Galleries where they performed 'Mokyfit'. The children were raising money for 'Daft As A Brush Charity'. Parents then joined the children in the afternoon for a dance work out. Thank you to everyone for making the day such a success. We will let you know how much money was raised in January's newsletter. Well done Year 2 - you really are Superheroes!



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Opportunity for Sunderland tickets

School has secured 20 pairs of tickets for Sunderland v Tottenham game on Tuesday 31st January 2017. We would like to give the tickets to families who will definitely be able to take their child to the game. If you would like your name to go in the draw to win these tickets, please contact the school office. We will contact the winners when we return to school after Christmas.

Show Racism The Red Card

'Show Racism The Red Card' kindly donated 2 pairs of tickets for the Sunderland v Chelsea game. Martin Smith and Jackson Crane from Year 6 were delighted when their names were drawn out in celebration assembly. We hope they enjoy the game.

Attendance

109 children are on track for 100 attendance for the Autumn term and receive Domino's pizza on the last day of term. Spot prizes for November's incentive which was anyone with two full weeks attendance after October half term holiday went to the following children:

Reception - Janine Richardson / Mason Forester
Year 1 - Amber Quigley / Shay Riches
Year 2 - Dainton Kelley / Lyta Carr
Year 3 - Bo Atwill / Matthew Cook
Year 4 - Eben Duckworth / Belle Eden
Year 5 - Louie Harris / Emily Brown
Year 6 - Owen McEvoy / Layla Quinn

Well done to Year 6 who won attendance of the month 98.9% for November and will receive a movie and popcorn afternoon.