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IMPORTANT DATES

2nd May - Parents/carers to receive Summer term curriculum overview and targets
8th May - SATs week for Year 6
12th May - Year 6 to visit Sunderland Empire to see Gangsta Granny
16th May - Reception class assembly 9.15am
16th May - Derwent Hill Meeting for Parents/Carers 4pm
19th May - Headteacher's Coffee afternoon 2.15pm
22nd May - International week—various visitors and events booked throughout the week
22nd May - Year 1 and Year 2 to visit House of Objects
25th May - Year 3 and Year 4 to visit Oriental Museum Durham
29th May - 2nd June - Half term holiday
5th June - School reopens
8th June - Community room to be used for polling station
9th June - Derwent Hill weekend
Week commencing 12th June - Phonic screening Year 1
13th June - Year 5 class assembly 9.15am
14th June - Nursery and Reception to visit Down on the Farm
15th June - Mile Run
15th June - School Disco
16th June - Year 5 to visit Caterpillar site Peterlee
19th June - Nursery sports morning (am)
19th June - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports afternoon 1.15pm start
20th June - Years 3,4,5 and 6 sports afternoon 1.15pm start
22nd June - Obstacle Run
27th June - Year 1 class assembly 9.15am
30th June - NSPCC Assembly
5th July - Year 5 and 6 NSPCC Workshops
5th July - Summer family picnic from 11.45am
7th July - End of year reports to parent/carers
11th/12th July - Parent/Carer end of year drop in sessions 3.30pm-4.30pm
12th July - Year 6 to visit Kirkley Hall
10th July - Year 6 Oxclose Transition Day
11th July - Year 6 Oxclose Transition Day
18th July - Visit for 5r winners to Adventure Valley
19th July - Leavers assembly 5.30pm
20th July - 100% attendance visit - Bowling
20th July - 100% attendance lunch
21st July - Break up for summer holidays
*The school website calendar is updated with all visits, assemblies, school trips and other important dates.
Tuesday 5th September 2017 - First day of Autumn term for children

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Headteacher's Update

As I write the introduction to our May newsletter, our Year 6 are participating in their statutory assessment tests. 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. I am looking forward to joining them for their special celebratory visit to the Sunderland Empire on Friday to see 'Gangsta Granny'!

We hope that you found the summer term Curriculum Overviews and personalised targets you received last Tuesday informative. Once again we have a fun-packed, busy term planned for children across the school. Class assemblies to look forward this term are Reception and Year 5. I am particularly looking forward to our International/Outdoor Week - week commencing 22nd May. This week is fully subsidised by the school at a cost of £2000. The impact and evaluation will support or bid towards the renewal of our Artsmark award and International accreditation. Each key stage will be linked to a country and will explore and engage with visits, tasks and activities to enhance knowledge skills and experiences of the wider world of Washington.

It would be lovely to see as many as possible at my Headteacher's coffee afternoon on the 19th May at 2.15pm. Year 6, as part of their enterprise project, will be selling cakes and the school choir will be performing some of the songs from their fantastic recent production of the Wizard of Oz.

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

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

Best wishes

Julia Watkins

The Sainsburys voucher scheme has now come to an end. Please don't forget to send all vouchers in before we break up for half term. An order will be placed for new playground equipment for the children.

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Year 3 have had an exciting start to the summer term. To introduce their new class topic on the Romans, they welcomed a visitor from Durham Outreach who shared some interesting and strange facts about the Romans. Some of the day's activities included creating their own Roman identities just like in Ancient Rome and they got to choose their very own Roman names. They studied and handled real Roman artefacts and looked for clues to tell them what life was like as a Roman, created mosaic art and even had the chance to try out some Roman armour! Everyone in Year 3 had a really exciting day and can't wait to learn more about the Romans.



Polling Station

The community room will be used as a polling station on Thursday 8th June. The hours of poll are from 7am until 10pm. School will remain open as normal.

Winners of 5rs - Reflection



Well done to Jaycee Day, Mya Okorefe, Lucie-May Watson, Alex McGovern, Harry Beadling, Matilda Reid and Jason Anderson who were voted by their class peers. Children were invited with a family member to join Mrs Watkins for high tea. All children who have been winners throughout the year will be treated to a trip to Adventure Valley in July. This half term the focus will be on resourcefulness.

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Anti Dog Fouling Campaign



School is working in partnership with Blackfell Community and Neighbourhood Watch to try and stop dog fouling in the village. It is a serious problem in Blackfell, not only is it unpleasant but can spread disease. We are appealing to all dog walkers to act responsibly and pick up dog waste. Bins can be found at various locations around the village. If these are full please take the dog waste home and use your domestic green bin. Let us make our village a clean and safe environment for everyone. If you witness a dog walker failing to act responsibly you may want to report this to the Enforcement Team, Tel 0191 5205520. Over the coming weeks posters will be on display throughout the village promoting this campaign and delighted that Lily Georgeson's winning poster from Year 2 has been selected to be used.

Year 6

This term Year 6 will be completing their Enterprise projects. In order to learn business skills and raise money for an end of year visit, the children will be designing and organising products and activities. Virgin Money will be visiting school to work with the children on their 'Watch your £5 grow'.

The first event will be the Mile Run for Years 3,4,5 and 6 followed by the mini obstacle run for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We are hoping as many children as possible challenge themselves and improve their fitness by taking part. It's not too late to join in the fun. Running/fitness club starts on 16th May for KS2 children who wish to train before the event starting at 3.15pm until 4pm.

Year 5

Year 5 will soon be visiting the Caterpillar site at Peterlee. Children will participate in activities with Caterpillar and SAFC staff focusing on real life work skills. There will be the opportunity for the class to undertake a viewing of the manufacturing process and participate in a simulated working environment. The children will be given an enterprise challenge to complete in groups and match tickets from SAFC will be given to the winning team.