

# Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

4th September - School closed to pupils - Inset Day  
5th September - School reopens to children  
14th September - School photographs to be taken  
18th September - Welcome drop in sessions 3.15 - 5pm  
5th October - Whole school movie night 3.15pm - 5pm  
10th October - Year 6 class assembly 9.15am  
12th October - Harvest Festival Year 3 and Year 4 parents invited 2.15pm  
17th October - Year 5 class assembly 9.15am  
23rd - 27th October School closed half term  
30th October - Year 6 to Robinwood residential  
7th November - Year 2 assembly 9.15am  
14th November - Year 3 class assembly 9.15am  
17th November - Children in Need - Disco in school for children  
1st December - Christmas Fair 2pm  
5th December - Nursery/Reception Christmas Performance 9.15am  
6th December - Nursery/Reception Christmas Performance 9.15am  
7th December - Nursery and Reception to Washington Arts Centre (am)  
11th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance 2pm  
12th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance 9.15am  
13th December - Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Performance 9.15am  
13th December - Year 1 and Year 2 to visit Tyne Theatre to see Snow White  
14th December - Year 5 and Year 6 Carol Service 9.15am  
15th December - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day  
18th December - Nursery and Reception Party (am)  
18th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Party (pm)  
19th December - Year 3 and Year 4 party (pm)  
20th December - Year 5 and Year 6 party (pm)  
21st December - Last day of Autumn term  
22nd December - School closed to pupils - Inset day

\*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

It is difficult to believe that this is our final 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 the school. We are very proud of our many achievements and improving outcomes for all children. This year we had a successful Ofsted inspection where all of the children were praised for their positive attitudes to learning, impeccable behaviour and achievements and progress. We are committed to strive for excellence and have already implemented plans to drive forward our school. I would like to thank all of the Blackfell staff for all of their hard work and efforts; there is a real team spirit here and they always go that extra mile for all children to achieve their very best! As I write, our Year 6 children are busy rehearsing for their end of year leavers' performance. All of the children's families (and staff), are looking forward to celebrating their happy times at Blackfell and ensuring that they all have a very warm send off as they move on to the respective secondary schools. The children have been very secretive about the content so I am sure that it will be a wonderful surprise for us all!

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. We look forward to seeing you all refreshed at the beginning of the autumn term on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Best wishes  
Julia Watkins



### 'Fun in the Sun'

Year 2 had a fun afternoon last week celebrating the end of Key Stage 1. A Rio beach party was arranged for the children. The sun was shining and there was plenty of water fun - thanks to Mr Atchison with his hose pipe. Children played lots of games and enjoyed ice cream.

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## News - Year 6

What a jam packed term Year 6 have had. Following our SAT's in May we went to see *Gangsta Granny* at Sunderland Empire which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Since then we have been really busy with our Enterprise projects designing games for the summer picnic, organising the mile and obstacle run which was a huge success and having a cake sale. Enough money was raised to go on two visits. We visited Forbidden Corner in Leyburn North Yorkshire - an amazing mysterious place where the children enjoyed getting wet and a visit to Frankie & Benny's. Our final class visit was to Kirkley Hall Outdoor Activity Centre where we did climbing, zip wire, an assault course and a team challenge. To end our fantastic year our leavers performance was Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. What a show! Children did us so proud and performed so confidently in front of family and friends.



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### Year 6



### 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.