

# Newsletter

11th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Nativity 2.15pm  
12th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Nativity 9.15am  
13th December - Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas performance 9.15am  
13th December - Year 1 and Year 2 to visit Tyne Theatre (am)  
14th December - Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Performance 9.15am  
15th December - Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day  
18th December - Nursery and Reception Christmas Party (am)  
18th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party (pm)  
19th December - Nasal Flu programme (Reception - Year 6)  
19th December - Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party (pm)  
20th December - Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party (pm)  
21st December - Non uniform day  
21st December - Reward for 100% attendance for Autumn term  
22nd December - Inset Day (School closed to pupils)  
8th January - School reopens for Spring term  
15th January - SATs workshop for parents/carers of Year 6 3.30pm  
22nd January - SATs meeting for parent/carers of Year 2 3.15pm  
1st February - Year 6 to visit Safetyworks Newcastle  
6th February - Safer Internet Day  
1st March - World Book Day  
5th March - Parent/Carer Consultations 3pm-5pm  
7th March - Parent/Carer Consultations 3pm-6pm  
12th March - RNLI to visit school  
27th March - Nursery Bonnet Parade 9.15am  
27th March - Easter Egg Competition  
28th March - Easter assembly Year 1 parents/carers invited 2.15pm  
29th March - Last day of spring term  
30th March - 13th April - Easter holidays  
16th April - School reopens Summer term  
1st May - Reception class assembly 9.15am  
3rd May - Community room used for polling station (school remains open)  
14th May - SATs week  
22nd May - Year 1 class assembly 9.15am  
**25th May - School closed to children INSET DAY**  
28th May - 1st June - Half term holiday  
4th June - School reopens  
18th June - Nursery sports morning 9.15am  
18th June - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports day 2.00pm  
19th June - Year 3,4,5 and Year 6 sports day 2.00pm  
2nd July - Transition to Oxclose  
10th July - Summer picnic event on school field (1.00pm)  
16th July - Year 6 to visit Nissan  
18th July - Leavers assembly 5pm  
20th July - Break up for summer (normal school day)  
5th September - School reopens to children

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## Headteacher's Update

We are well into the spirit of Christmas here at Blackfell! Our school looks very festive adorned with Christmas trees and decorations. The snow last week also brought such excitement. I was so proud of our Nursery and Reception children who performed 'The Nativity' with such confidence to family and friends earlier this week. I can't wait to see the rest of our school celebrate Christmas together over the next two weeks. We are looking forward to our Christmas Lunch and 'Christmas Jumper Day' on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Fair last week. It was, as always, a huge success and we raised just over £1000! This will boost our school fund and help us to continue with visits and visitors into school to enhance the children's learning. This annual event was hugely popular and enjoyed by the whole school community.

The children have all worked very hard, enjoyed many new learning experiences and contributed so well to the success of our school. We look forward to building on their achievements in the spring term. Thank you for your continued support to make Blackfell Primary the best it can be!

I will be hosting a coffee morning for parents/grandparents/carers on Thursday 21st December at 9.00am until 10.00 in the top hall. The school choir will be singing Christmas Carols and Year 4 will be performing some of the songs they sang at Durham Cathedral. This event will be supporting the charity CLIC Sargent. Entry will be £1 and refreshments will be available to purchase.

I would also like to thank all of the staff who all work tirelessly to support the children in so many ways. Our team commitment ensures that we provide such a fantastic education for all of the children.

We hope that you all have a lovely festive, family Christmas and best wishes for a happy, healthy 2018.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Best wishes

Please ensure for the forthcoming winter months that children come to school dressed with appropriate clothing, coats and footwear. We try to get out on the yard as much as possible at playtimes and lunch. In the event of more snow we would like the children to enjoy the experience. Spare footwear can be brought into school and left on pegs. Please ensure all items are named. If you are missing any items, all lost property will be laid out in the bottom hall on Friday 15th December at 8.45am. Any unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.

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### 5Rs at Blackfell - Relationships



The 5Rs underpin our values and ethos at Blackfell. We will continue to celebrate children's achievements each term. This term children have been voting for children who they think has made a significant contribution in relationships. I am delighted that the winners are:

Reception - JJ Beadling

Year 1 - Janine Richardson

Year 2- Layton Hindhaugh

Year 3- Leon Lowery

Year 4- Jenny Hartley

Year 5- Liam Stevenson

Year 6- Lexie Murray

All winners were awarded with a galleries voucher in celebration assembly last Friday. At the end of the year all children who have been winners will be invited to an end of year event. Next term the focus will be resilience.

### Attendance

This term 81 children are on track to achieve 100% attendance for the Autumn term. This year children who have achieved this will be invited to attend a disco on the last afternoon of term Thursday 21st December. This is also a non uniform day.

Children will also be receiving gold, silver and bronze certificates if they have achieved 95% or above.

### New Menu

Following a review of school meals and listening to children choices, the lunch menu will be changing from January 2018. If you would like a copy please contact the office. The new menu will be displayed in the notice board and a link will be on the website. Please inform the office if your child would like to change from packed lunch to school meals from January.

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Nursery and Reception children started off Blackfell Christmas celebrations with a wonderful performance of 'The Nativity'



Year 4 visited Durham Cathedral taking part in a Outreach Programme. The children worked alongside other schools in Sunderland developing different singing techniques.