

# Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

30th March - 13th April - Easter holidays  
16th April - School reopens Summer term  
23rd April - Curriculum Overviews to go out  
25th April - Year 4 to Gibside (residential)  
27th April - Year 2 to Grace Darling Museum Bamburgh  
1st May - Reception class assembly 9.15am  
3rd May - Community room used for polling station (school remains open)  
14th May - SATs week (free breakfast club to Y6 children all 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  
11th June - Phonic screening Year 1 (all week)  
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/3rd July - Transition to Oxclose  
2nd July - Tall Ships week  
3rd July - Health Roadshow  
6th July - 5R winners summer outing  
11th July - School choir singing for Tall Ships (venue to be announced)  
10th July - Summer picnic event on school field (pm)  
16th July - Year 6 to visit Nissan  
18th July - Leavers assembly 5pm  
20th July - Break up for summer (normal school day)  
4th September - School reopens to children for new academic year

### Toddler Group

The toddler group will resume after the Easter holidays. This will run in the Community room on a Friday morning from 9.30 am until 11.30am. The contact details for further information is Alyson Rutter on 07879687650.

### Poster Competition

The winners of the energy efficiency competition ran by the school council was Jaxon Okerefe, Olivia Clarke, Katie Fulton and Matilda Reid. The winning posters will be displayed around school to encourage energy efficiency.

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## Headteacher's Update

As the spring term comes to an end, we have had a fantastic run up to the Easter holidays. Once again, it has been proven that we certainly have many talented children and parents/grandparents/carers in our school community and thank them all for their support with the fabulous entries in our Easter challenges (Easter Bonnet Parade for Nursery and Reception children and the traditional Blackfell Egg competition in Years 1-6). The standard of all entries was very high and congratulations to our winners. Representatives from the school council accompanied Canon Hopper who had the difficult job as 'head judge' to choose first, second and third winners linked to the theme for this year 'The Tall Ships'.

Our Easter assembly was wonderful and it was a fantastic to see so many family and friends of Year 1 joining us to hear about the Easter story and many springtime songs.

The children in year 6 will be taking their Statutory Assessment tests w/c 14<sup>th</sup> May and have all worked very hard. Breakfast Club will be free for all year 6 children for that week; please sign your child in at our community room anytime from 7.45am (no need to book). Championship Sports support our breakfast club every day and there is a wide selection of breakfast food items.

We have many exciting plans for next term that includes a summer family festival, educational visits, Year 1 class assembly, Sports days and a Creative and Diversity Week (w/c 9<sup>th</sup> July). Further details to follow.

We hope that you all have an enjoyable Easter holiday.

With very best wishes

Julia Watkins

Headteacher

### Sporting News

Congratulations to Aaren, Daniel, Layton, Max, Chloe, Ella. Chloe and Evie from Year 4 who represented school at the Puma Centre in a tennis festival. The children won overall and will go to the finals in Sunderland in June. Ruby, Beau, Lily, Lucie-May, Dainton, Ollie, Ben and Aaron from Year 3 came second, an excellent effort. The football season kicked off last week with 3 home games. The team won, drew and lost a game. Good luck for the rest of the season.

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## Easter News

There are lots more photographs on class pages on the website. Please take the time to have a look.



Nursery Easter Bonnet



Reception Easter Bonnet



Easter Assembly



Winners from Y1 and Y2  
Easter egg competition



9 chicks hatched

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### 5Rs

The following children have been voted by their peers for showing resilience and risk taking since September. Children were rewarded with a letter from Mrs Watkins and a Galleries voucher. All children who are winners over the year will also be rewarded with an end of year visit to a National Trust park.

#### Risk taking

Ava Finnon  
Ellie Garnett  
Jessica Dale  
Alexander Johnston  
Bailey Riches  
Natalie Carrot  
Selina Newton

#### Resilience

Ella Grace Carter  
Charlie McGovern  
Ava Stevenson  
Ben Anderson  
Logan Forester  
Erika Ghiban-Calugaru  
Mia Kelly



Dan Bovill and Miss Hepplewhite accompanied Blackfell's rock band to Holley Park Academy in Washington this week. The rock band performed many of their songs they have been learning and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the assembly. If any child is interested in learning to play guitar please contact the school office.



Year 1 enjoyed a recent visit to Durham Castle. The children looked at the features of a castle linked to their topic and had fun dressing up!