

# Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

4th June - School reopens  
5th June - Year 6 to Forbidden Corner  
5th June - Nursery and Reception to visit Tynemouth Aquarium  
6th June - Year 5 to visit Nissan - Lego Robot Event  
11th June - Phonic screening Year 1 (all week)  
14th June - Year 4 to visit Centre of Life  
12th June - School Disco - Beach Theme  
18th June - Nursery sports morning 9.15am  
18th June - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports day (1.30pm)  
19th June - Year 3,4,5 and Year 6 sports day (1.30pm)  
26th June - Mile run/obstacle course  
2nd/3rd July - Transition to Oxclose  
2nd July - Tall Ships week  
3rd July - Health Roadshow  
5th July - Performance of Annie 3.30pm - tickets will be on sale  
6th July - 5R winners summer outing - Gibside  
11th July - School choir singing for Tall Ships (venue to be announced)  
10th July - Summer event on school field 11.45am  
16th July - Year 6 to visit Nissan  
18th July - Leavers assembly 5pm  
19th July - 100% attendance lunch reward  
20th July - Break up for summer (normal school day)  
4th September - School reopens to children for new academic year

2018/2019 school calendar is available to view or download from the school website.

A reminder that the school telephone number is changing to 0191 9171665.

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## Headteacher's Update

It is difficult to believe that we only have a few weeks left until the end of this academic year! We are all looking forward to (and busy putting the final plans in place) for our Creative and Diversity fortnight linked to the Tall Ships. This will be celebrating the regional event and exploring different countries, religions, diversity and uniqueness. In addition we have many more events including Sports Days, educational visits and our Summer Family Picnic event on the 10<sup>th</sup> July. This will begin at 11.45am for a family picnic with entertainment and singing on the school field in a marquee. Further details and arrangements to follow.

I am looking forward to welcoming new children and their families for September in our forthcoming induction meetings. We do still have a few places for September in Foundation Stage for three and four year old children to join us. Transition arrangements for all children to meet their new teachers and teaching assistants across school are during w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> July. I will be letting you know staffing arrangements once finalised later this month.

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

I hope that the sun will shine for the rest of the school year!

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

Best wishes

Julia Watkins

### Tall Ships and Diversity Week

Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> of July children across school will be learning about diversity and the history of the Tall Ships. Across the school each class will be focusing on a different country. Children will be taking part in a range of exciting activities. They will be looking in detail at their traditions and cultures, musicians, sampling traditional food and looking at the geography. Children will also be focusing on a specific artist and recreating a piece of their work using the same technique as that artist. We will be holding our own tall ship race where children will design their own boat and race it against other members in their class. To celebrate the end of our Tall Ships and Diversity week children will be coming together to share their learning. Blackfell School Choir will also be singing at the opening of the festival as the ships come into Sunderland, as well as taking part in a world record attempt for a mass sing along with 19 other schools from the area. Both children and staff are looking forward to an action packed two weeks!



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## School Visits

### Nursery/Reception

This week Nursery and Reception children visited The Blue Reef Aquarium. They learnt about different creatures that live underwater such as starfish and hermit crabs. Some of the children were even brave enough to touch them. Children looked at lots of different types of fish and learned some of the names and talked about what they looked like. The highlight of the day was watching the seal show. They had so much fun watching the seals doing tricks and jumping through hoops and did not mind getting splashed. Finally, we looked at some more sea creatures and were surprised to even see some mini sharks. The children really enjoyed the hands on experience of learning about the creatures that live in our seas. The children were all so well behaved and we are so proud of them all!



### Year 6

Year 6 had a fantastic time at Forbidden Corner on their class visit. It was a fun outing for all of the hard work, resilience and excellent behaviour they have demonstrated this year. We had a great time exploring the grounds, finding secret passageways, navigating mazes, picking doorways and spotting clues. The best part of it was all of the water features which spray you as you walk past or read a sign. We ended up getting very wet especially from the stepping stones and the fountain but had so much fun. At the end of our adventurous day, we used some of our Enterprise money to get a special treat - ice creams and ice lollies to cool down in the hot sunshine.



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### World Cup 2018



With the World Cup just around the corner we want to celebrate with a special themed school lunch on Thursday 28th June. Children will be given an activity sheet and a themed sticker. The menu will be Ronaldo Kickin' Chicken or Messi fish goujons served with chips and peas and a hat-trick of fresh fruit and ice-cream or goalie choc chip cookie. If your child is normally packed lunch and would like a meal please send £2 into the school office. Mr Taylor will be also organising inter-house football during lunch breaks linked to the World Cup.

### Summer Disco

A school disco will be held on Tuesday 12th June. Tickets are on sale from the school office priced at £1.50. The event will have a summer/beach theme. Nursery, Reception Year 1 and Year 2 will start at 4.00pm until 5.15pm and Years 3,4,5 and 6 will start at 5.30pm finishing at 7pm. Refreshments, hotdogs, ice pops will be on sale. The disco will take place in the top hall. All children must be collected after the event.

### Headlice

There is an increasing number of reported incidents of headlice in classes across school. Can parents please be extra vigilant and regularly check your child's hair and treat accordingly. Headlice is a problem in all schools but can be very distressing and upsetting for parents and children. We have a supply of headlice combs in school provided by the school nursing team if anyone would like to contact the office in confidence. Once children have initially been treated they must be regularly checked for any eggs that may have been missed. Thank you for your co-operation.

Year 5 visited Nissan in Sunderland to take part in a LEGO robotics competition. The children built and raced robots that they programmed. We were delighted that Grace Anderson, Ty Hindhaugh, Lewis Waggott and Lauren Ward have been invited back to compete against other schools in the final.

### Sports Days Arrangements

Nursery sports day will be held on the morning of 18th June starting at 9.15am finishing around 11.00am. Weather permitting the event will take place on the school field. If it is raining, nursery children will do their races in the top hall. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports day will also be held on 18th June in the afternoon starting at 1.30pm. Years 3,4,5 and 6 will be on Tuesday 19th June also at 1.30pm. The event will take place on the school field. Children will need to wear a t-shirt whichever house team they are assigned to. Pine-green, willow-yellow oak-blue and maple-red. If the event is postponed due to rain the event will be rearranged for the following week (date to be confirmed).