

Newsletter

20th November - RNLI in school
26th November - Year 1 visit to Newcastle Castle
28th November - Year 4 class assembly 9.15am
30th November - Christmas Fair from 1.30pm
4th December - Reception nativity 9.15am
5th December - Nursery sing a long 9.15am
7th December - Nursery/Reception to visit Washington Art Centre to see Snow Play
10th December - Year 1 and Year 2 nativity 2pm
11th December - Year 1 and Year 2 nativity 9.15am
12th December - Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Carol Service 2pm at Oxclose Church
13th December - Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Concert 9.15am in school
14th December - Christmas lunch/Christmas jumper day
17th December - Nursery/Reception party am
17th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas party pm
18th December - Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas party pm
19th December - Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas party pm
20th December - 100% attendance reward
7th January - School reopens Spring term
5th February - Year 1 class assembly 9.15am
8th February - Year 5/6 In2 Hockey
15th February - Year 3/4 Tennis
18th February - Half term
25th February - School reopens
25th February - Year 6 to visit Nissan
1st March - Year 1 infant agility
8th March - Year 2 infant agility
21st March - Year 3 class assembly 9.15am
3rd April - Easter egg competition Y1 - Y6
3rd April - Easter parade Nursery and reception
5th April - Break up for Easter holidays
23rd April - School reopens Summer term

Blackfell Primary School Newsletter



Issue:3
Date: Nov 18

Headteacher's Update

We are all looking forward to a busy diary for the rest of this term. Our dress in blue day to support Anti Bullying Week was so well supported on Friday - thank you for all of your kind donations for our Christmas Fair. Lots of the children dressed with accessories to support Children in Need too - we raised £100.30p. Class assemblies for Year 5 and 6 were well attended this month and the children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning with family and friends. In addition it was lovely to have parents and carers of Year 1 children join the whole school for our special Remembrance Assembly to commemorate 100 years since World War 1.

I am looking forward to my termly coffee afternoon on Friday 23rd November at 2pm in the main school hall. It would be wonderful if you could join me and the school council for Family Bingo to raise funds for Help the Heroes charities. Bingo cards will be £1 each and there will be prizes and a raffle.

I can no longer put off the word 'Christmas'. Preparations are well underway for our Christmas Fair (details in the newsletter) and the Christmas tree is ordered! All dates and times of planned events are on the school website. Full details for each event will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Thank you for your continued support to make our school the very best it can be.

Best wishes

Julia Watkins

Christmas Fair

The Fair will be held on Friday 30th November. Children can be collected from 1.30pm. Children in Reception class can be collected from their classroom, the side gate will be open. Parents of children in Year 1 and Year 2 please access school up the stairs and collect children from their respective classes. Years 3,4,5 and 6 please use the main entrance and collect the children from their classes. If you are not accompanying your child please ensure they have their own money to take to the fair. Children will have to stay with staff in school until normal finishing time. No child who is not accompanied will be allowed to leave school before 3.15pm. There will be lots of stalls, games and refreshments as well as Santa Claus who will be in the Community Room.

Newsletter

News



Well done to Belle Eden, Liam Stevenson, Ellie Platts, Max Forkin, Ollie Johnson, Lily Georgeson, Dominic Lamming, Lucie Scott, Zac Bailey, Phoebe Wilson, Daniel McEvoy, Isabella Crane, Ethan Thomas, Hannah Holmes, Grace Scott and Fraizer McGlen who were the winners of the 5r for 'Relationships'. This term we will be asking children to vote for Resilience and winners will receive a penguin and a certificate and invited to the visit at the end of year. Winners will be presented in Celebration Assembly the last week of term.

Sporting News

Good luck to our Year 5 and Year 6 girls' football team tonight. The girls will be playing in the final of the Autumn Cup. Last week they won all five of their games ensuring a place in the final at Biddick.



Anti-Bullying Week

Throughout school last week the children celebrated Anti-bullying week. This year's focus for Anti - Bullying is 'Choose Respect' and we began our Anti-Bullying theme with children from our Year 3 and 6 school council attending the annual Anti-Bullying conference alongside Mrs Hutchinson at Washington Academy. At the conference the children worked alongside other children from local cluster schools and took part in a range of workshops which focused on how to respect themselves, others and ways in which we can respect our environment. The workshops were ran by representatives from the Youth Offending Team and Northumbria Police. Back in school Year 5 and 6 had a visit from Kidscape and took part in a range of Anti-Bullying workshops. Throughout last the whole school took part in a range of Anti-Bullying activities such as, the meaning of respect, electronic games looking at respecting each other, working together through team games, creating posters in computing, writing acrostic poems, creating 'respect odd socks' and a 'respect web'. The focus of 'Choose Respect' was also a feature of our big writing. All the children had a super week enjoying a range of engaging activities celebrating 'Respect' and ended the week coming to school dressed in blue representing Anti-bullying.

Newsletter

News

Attendance

Our attendance for October was 96.1% and currently 95.9% from September 2018. Year 2 won attendance of the month for October and will be rewarded with a popcorn and movie afternoon. We continually strive to reach our target of 97%. Spot prizes for November have been awarded to:

Nursery - Ollie Georgeson

Reception - Phoebe Hill

Year 1 - Jack Newton

Year 2 - Sarah Wood

Year 3 - Alecia Johnson

Year 4 - Eva Healy

Year 5 - Finley Weston

Year 6 - Natalie Carrott

All children received a £5 galleries voucher as a reward.

Annual Flu Vaccination

If you would like your child to have the flu vaccination (nasal spray) on 4th December please ensure consent forms are returned to school by Thursday 22nd November. If the nursing team do not have a consent form then your child will not be able to take part in the programme. Late consent forms will not be accepted. Please ensure to read the guidance and information that was sent home last week.

Parent Governor

We currently have one vacancy for a Parent Governor. Information was sent out last week which detailed more information. If you would like further details or a nomination form please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Watkins or the school office.

Christmas Lunch/ Christmas Jumper Day

School is delighted that the cook Wendy has secured a permanent position in the kitchen. If you would like your child to have a Christmas traditional lunch on 14th December and your child is normally packed lunch, please send £2 by 7th December.