

We would like to give you a few reminders about some of our expectations and procedures in school prior to the new academic year.

School Uniform: Children must return to school in September wearing their school uniform. Many of you may be buying new school uniform. Our own uniform with school logo is available to purchase from Little Gems at Crowther Industrial Estate. Our uniform consists of royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan, blue or white polo shirt, grey trousers/skirt/tunic, black shoes/trainers (no heels or open toes) or white/blue summer check dress. Similar coloured clothing can be purchased from many shops and supermarkets. Haircuts must not be extreme and must not be dyed or include shaved lines or patterns. Please put your child's name in every item of clothing.

PE kits: PE kits consist of Blackfell's own t shirt with logo or suitable plain white t shirt and plain black elasticated shorts. Football strips are **not** allowed to be worn. Black plimsolls or trainers can be worn for P.E. lessons. Please send P.E. kits in to school on the first day of the school year and ensure that they are in school at all times as the children may have additional opportunities to take part in sporting activities as well as normal P.E. lessons. P.E. hoodies can be purchased to wear outdoors but are **not** to be worn as a school jumper.

Jewellery: As stated in our school prospectus, only watches are allowed to be worn by the children. If children are having their ears pierced during the summer break, please can we ask that it is at the beginning of the holiday as earrings need to be removed for school to comply with our Health and Safety policy.

Attendance: Please be mindful that we are unable to authorise a request for leave of absence or holiday during term time unless for exceptional circumstances. Forms are available from the school office or from our website. We are very proud that our attendance is above national figures and next year will continue to celebrate and have numerous initiatives and incentives for outstanding attendance. Attendance is closely monitored in our school and any unauthorised absence is reported to the Local Authority's attendance team. Absence taken in term time without prior permission from the school may result in legal sanctions for irregular attendance being taken against parent/carers by the Local Authority. If your child is unwell or will not be attending school, please contact the school office prior to the morning session. If your child is not at morning registration, you will be contacted by telephone/text in line with our safeguarding procedures.

Equipment: Children can bring a school bag with them but no pencil cases, toys etc as children will be issued with their own stationery. Books and homework can be sent between home and school to support learning but please do not send any non-essential items or items of any value to school. We encourage all children to bring a water bottle to school daily, clearly named. If you have any of our school reading books at home, please can you send them back to school.

School meals: Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal under the universal government scheme. Children in Key stage 2 who wish to purchase a meal for £2.30 can do so. School meals need to be paid on a Monday for the week at £11.50, preferably online so we don't have to handle cash. Alternatively, children can bring a packed lunch and water bottle clearly named. The website for online payments is www.sunderland.gov.uk choosing the box pay, then choose school meals and expenses, choose Blackfell Primary School and then the drop down list for whatever the payment applies to.

Breakfast Club: We will continue to have a Breakfast Club in September. **All places must be prebooked the week before** so we can organise staffing. Breakfast club will be based in our community room and will be open from 7.45am. The club is run by members of the school team and provides breakfast and activities before school. The cost for breakfast club is £2.50 a day which, where possible, can be paid on line. If you require a place for the first week back to school please contact the school office to book your child's place and to pay for the provision.

We hope that you have a relaxing summer holiday.

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Headteacher's Update

As the summer holiday is just about upon us, this is our final newsletter of this academic year. Although a very challenging year for everyone, the children have relished every opportunity presented to them. We have had many highlights such as outdoor learning events and curriculum enrichment activities. We are always impressed with how our children are so polite, hardworking and have such a positive attitude to learning. They are a true credit to yourselves and our school.

I updated you on Monday with the arrangements for September 2021 including entry and exit times for September. Staggered entry and exit times to school have worked extremely well and helped with congestion at the gate and parking. The fluid start to the day will continue from 8.40am. All children need to be in school by 8.55am. Gates will be locked promptly at this time. Reception class will exit school via their own class door at 3.10pm, Years 1 and 2 will exit at 3pm via the KS1 stairs, Year 3 and 4 will exit at 3.05pm and Year 5 and 6 will exit at 3.10pm all via the main school gate.

A reminder that children in Reception to Year 6 from return to school on Tuesday 7th September 2021 as do current Nursery children who are already with us. New Reception children will be part time for the first week until 12.30pm and then full time from the w/c 13th September. Our new Nursery children start on Wednesday 8th September.

Once again, thank you for all of your support this year and I hope that you have a relaxing summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 7th September 2021.**

Best wishes
Julia Watkins
Headteacher

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Birthday shout outs for June, July, August



Nursery - Alex, Leo,
Reception - Mia Grace, Oliver, Theo, Riley,
Year 1 - Molly, Millie, Bella, Imogen, Freya, Lexi-Mae, Grace, Leo, Bobby, Harper
Year 2 - Jay, Mia, Archie, Hannah,
Year 3 - Lexi, Gabrielle, Daniel, Jasper, Macie, Jack,
Year 4 - Leon, Ethan, Leah, Riley, Max, Jack, Phoebe,
Year 5 - Amber, Mya, Lily, Chloe, Layton, Katie, Arthur,
Year 6 - Daniel, Beaux, Jack, Dainton, Ben, Cameron, Dylan, Alex, Daniel, Sianna, Eva, Sadie, Lily

FREE HOLIDAY CLUB FOR CHILDREN ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS

SportsCool have announced that they are an official provider of the Holiday and Food program on behalf of Sunderland City Council. They will be providing a 4 week Multi Sport Holiday Club for children which includes a two course lunch at Biddick Academy Washington.

The aim is to ensure that children are learning in an inclusive environment and having fun during their holiday. There will be a wide range of sporting activities and games which will include ultimate frisbee, tri golf, dodgeball, team building games and lots more. At the end of the week they will hold a fancy dress day and play party games.

Provided will be a healthy snack in the morning, two course lunch, a piece of fruit and water.

The available dates are:

26th July -30th July
2nd August -6th August
9th August - 13th August
16th August - 20th August

The times will run from 8.30 until 16.00

If you would like to book your child in the holiday club please visit
<https://sportscooldurham.schoolipal.co.uk/>

If parent/carers do not have internet access, then you can also contact Jon Maughan on 07759859590 to book a place.

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Goodbye to Year 6



All staff and governors at Blackfell Primary School wish children in Year 6 the very best of luck in their chosen secondary school and their future. We are all proud of their achievements and success at our school. We will miss you all. Have a great summer!