

Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13th September - Canoes and Caves to work outdoors with Year 5 and Year 6
14th September - Canoes and Caves to work outdoors with Year 3 and Year 4
20th September - Canoes and Caves to work outdoors with Year 1 and Year 2
21st September - Canoes and Caves to work outdoors with Reception and Nursery
21st September - Year 6 to visit Beamish
23rd September - Parent consultations - Nursery, Reception, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6
27th September - Parent consultations - Nursery, Reception, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5
28th September - Year 2 to visit Discovery Museum
30th September - Parent consultations - Year 1, Year 3, Year 5
4th October - Parent consultations Year 1, Year 3, Year 5
4th October - Book fayre in school (Monday to Thursday)
5th October - Walkwise to begin with Year 2 (every Tuesday for 3 weeks)
8th October - World Mental Health Day - all children to wear yellow
11th October - Phonics meeting for parents Nursery and Reception parents 3.30pm - 4.30pm
18th October - Workshop for Reception parents on maths
21st October - Harvest Festival (food donations welcome)
25th October - Half term holiday
1st November - School reopens
5th November - Year 6 to visit Nissan
19th November - Children in Need
23rd November - Nasal flu
2nd December - Reception Christmas performance 2pm
3rd December - Reception Christmas performance 9.15am
6th December - Nursery sing along 9.30am
7th December - Year 1 and Year 2 performance 2pm
8th December - Year 1 and Year 2 performance 9.15am
9th December - Nursery / Reception to visit Washington Art Centre
9th December - Year 3 class carols 9.15am
10th December - Year 4 class carols 9.15am
10th December - Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
13th December - Nursery/Reception Christmas party (am)
14th December - Year 5 class carols 9.15am
14th December - Year 1, Year 2 Christmas party
15th December -Year 6 class carols 9.15am
15th December - Year 3, Year 4 Christmas party
16th December - Year 5, Year 6 Christmas party
17th December - Last day of Autumn term
4th January - INSET DAY (School closed to children)
5th January - Children return to school

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Headteacher's Update

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school. A special welcome to all our new children and families that have joined us. We are all delighted with the way the children have settled in to their classes and adjusted to new routines. All children have made a fantastic start to the new academic year and impressed us all with their enthusiasm for school.

We have enjoyed welcoming back 'Caves and Canoes' for the children to take part in some team building activities. The children have enjoyed problem solving and den building activities. This has helped them to get to know their new class teacher and learn outdoors.

Dates have been set for many activities this term. We are looking forward to welcoming you all to productions and gatherings in school this academic year; this is something we really missed last year. Parent/carers consultations will be held at the end of this month and we look forward to sharing your child's books and learning with you. Please ensure that all forms are returned to school as soon as possible. Telephone appointments are available for those parent/carers that wish to be updated in this way.

All dates for this term have been updated on our school website. Welcome letters and dates specific for your child's class will be sent home on Wednesday. Curriculum overviews for the autumn term will also be sent home on Friday.

This year, communication will mainly be via e mail. This is better for the environment and ensures that letters are not misplaced or lost on the way home. The school office has checked everyone's e mail addresses are correct already so if you change your e mail address, please inform school as soon as possible. The school app – School Jotter, will also be used to communicate with everyone. Regular text messages and reminders will be sent too. Again, please ensure mobile telephone numbers are updated where necessary.

We love to share and celebrate all children's achievements both in and out of school. Monday is our whole school celebration assembly. Each week the class teacher chooses one child to speak about and share their achievements and qualities. They are presented with a special certificate and our stars of the week names are shared on our school website. If your child has something they would like to share e.g. swimming certificate, sports trophy, they are very welcome to do so on this day.

Class pages on our school website show photographs of what the children have been up to and are updated weekly by staff. Please take a look as everyone has been very busy.

We are looking forward to building on our many achievements and to working in partnership with you all this year.

Best wishes Julia Watkins

Headteacher

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New Starters 2021



A big warm welcome to our Nursery and Reception children who have all made a super start to the new school year. All children have settled well into school and our daily routines. They are all enjoying getting to know one another and are forming some lovely friendships. The children have been having super fun exploring their new indoor and outdoor learning environments and have begun taking part in a range of new exciting curriculum activities. Our topic this term is 'Magical Me'. We are looking forward to find out all about our children and their interests. The children will be receiving a copy of their Autumn Term Curriculum Overview, highlighting the learning that will be taking place throughout the Autumn Term and a class letter informing you of key class information and events that are taking place over the course of the Autumn Term. Please keep checking our class pages on our school website, which will provide you with information on what the children have been learning and taking part in throughout each week.

Secondary Admission Places - September 2022

Parent/Carers can now apply for their choice of Secondary school places. Parents are encouraged to apply online at www.sunderland.gov.uk before the deadline of 31st October 2021. If your application is received after this date, it will reduce your chance of being offered your preferred school. During the month of September many secondary schools are offering open evenings for parents/children to visit. National offer day is 1 March 2022.

Morrisons Its Good to Grow

School have signed up to receive free gardening equipment for school. **How it works:** Parents can download the MyMorrisons app, sign in or register to MyMorrisons and select Blackfell Primary School. Scan the app at checkout or use online when shopping. For every £10 spent they will receive a Grow Token to donate to school. These will be exchanged for gardening items for children to use across school.

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Christmas Card Competition

The Mayor and Mayoress of Sunderland have chosen Blackfell Primary School to enter a competition to design a Christmas card. Children in Year 3,4,5 and 6 will be entering into the competition. There will be a winning design from each year group then an overall winner where they will be presented with a prize in a special assembly by the Mayor. The overall winning design will then be printed into Christmas cards. Children will be designing their cards in school. We will keep you informed of the lucky winner.

House Captains

Year 6 House captains for 2021 are:

Maple Captain: Amber Quigley, Graysen Sherriff Vice Captain: Mya Okorefe, Jack Parkinson

Willow Captain: Parneet, Elliott Vice Captain: Raisa Ghiban-Calugaru, Chloe Jones

Oak Captain: Jessica Dale, Ellis Kerry Vice Captain: Katie McCann, Dominic Lamming

Pine Captain: Arthur Ralph, Olivia Clarke Vice Captain: Cerys Urwin, Isabelle Haddrick

Queens Platinum Jubilee

The nation will receive an extra bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's 70th year on the throne. As the day falls in May half term holiday (2nd June 2022) school will close for summer on **Thursday 21st July 2022**.

Flu Nasal Spray

Children from Reception to Year 6 were issued with flu vaccination letters from the school nursing team at the beginning of term. Children who have returned the forms will receive their flu nasal spray on Tuesday 23rd November.

Baby News



We are delighted to announce that during the summer holidays Mrs Agar gave birth to a baby boy, Archie and Miss Clark gave birth to a baby girl, Nancy. Families are all doing well and we wish them lots of happiness on their maternity leave.