

# Newsletter

## Parent Governor Election

All children across school have been given a ballot paper to vote for a parent governor who will serve on the Governing Body for a 4 year period. Every parent has the opportunity to place a vote, your child has been given two ballot papers. These have been handed to the youngest sibling in the family to bring home. Please return them to school by no later than Thursday 3rd February 2022 at 3.30pm. Duplicate copies cannot be handed out.

## Covid Vaccine Bus

Anyone who requires their Covid 19 vaccination or booster can visit Barmston Primary School where there will be a NHS bus on Sunday 30th January 2022. The bus will be in the school yard from 10am until 3pm.

## Dates for the Diary

7th February - School nurse to visit Year 3 and Year 4  
10th February - Year 6 parent/carer Sats workshop 3.30pm  
11th February - Women's science day  
14th February - Non uniform day children wear red  
14th February - Valentine's day lunch  
17th February - Year 2 parent/carer workshop 3.15pm  
18th February - Next deposit due for Derwent Hill £40  
21st - 25th February - Half term holiday  
3rd March - World book day - details to follow  
7th March - Children's mental health week  
9th March - Provisional parent/carer consultations 3.30pm - 6pm  
14th March - Provisional parent/carer consultations 3.30pm - 6pm  
14th March - British science week  
18th March - Balance due for Derwent Hill  
11th - 22nd April - Easter holidays  
2nd May - Bank holiday  
5th May - Community room used as polling station 7am - 10pm  
5th May - Year 3 and Year 4 to visit Safety Works in Newcastle  
9th May - 12th May - Year 6 Sats  
13th May - Residential visit to Derwent Hill for Year 6 children  
27th May - School closed to children - Inset Day  
30th May - 3rd June - Half term holiday  
\*\*A reminder that school will be closed Friday 22nd July to all staff and children

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## Headteacher's Update

This term, we have welcomed four new children to our nursery, we are sure they will all enjoy their learning at Blackfell. All of the children across school have settled well and enjoying their new topics following the Christmas holiday. I hope that you found your spring curriculum overview informative. All important dates for the rest of the academic year are on our school calendar.

We were delighted that our recent Ofsted inspection report has now been published on the official website. Once again, thank you for your support and we can ensure you that we will continue to build on our successes and achievements in the future.

We always aim to keep you fully informed and enjoy welcoming you into the school as much as possible. As restrictions relax in the coming weeks and months, we hope to once again share our rich and varied experiences with you all such as performances and community events.

You will receive your child's mid-year report after the February half term holiday. We hope to host face to face parent/carer consultations in early March for those of you who would like to visit our school to meet the teacher and share your child's work. Telephone appointments will be available as an alternative if you would prefer an update in this way. I will write to you nearer the time once we know more about the lifting of restrictions and any changes to our risk assessment allowing visitors on the school site.

We are currently planning on how we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. The school council already have some super ideas of what we can do in school and commemorate this national celebration.

Best wishes

Julia Watkins

## Valentines Themed Lunch



On Monday 14 February we will be celebrating Valentines day with a themed lunch. If your child is normally packed lunch and would like a meal please pay £2.30 online. The menu will be:

Beloved bolognaise, dreamboat garlic bread

Loved up pizza, spice up your life wedges

Cupids quiche - all with a choice of love petals sweetcorn or stuck on you beans.

Kiss me quick cookie.

We are also asking children to wear something red, come dressed in non uniform and contribute a £1 donation towards our Easter raffle / fundraising event. Spot prizes will be given out throughout the day. Any donations of chocolates, gift sets or prizes worthy for a raffle would be greatly appreciated. Further information and raffle tickets will be sent out after the February half term holiday.

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## School News

### Spring Reading Bingo



A huge thank you for everybody who has sent photographs and took part in the Autumn term Reading Bingo Challenge. We enjoyed a fantastic morning playing games of bingo, winning prizes and sharing treats with friends. It was amazing how many children completed the challenge. Well done everybody! We are setting a new bingo challenge for spring term. Please check your child's reading record for our spring term challenges, keep them photographs coming, our class reading areas are looking great. This term's challenge deadline is **Monday 4th April**. It has been lovely to share them with each class and display them in our reading areas. To send photographs of our new challenge, please email to the class address below:

SBFNursery@blackfell.org.uk  
SBFReception@blackfell.org.uk  
SBFYear1@blackfell.org.uk  
SBFYear2@blackfell.org.uk  
SBFYear3@blackfell.org.uk  
SBFYear4@blackfell.org.uk  
SBFYear5@blackfell.org.uk  
SBFYear6@blackfell.org.uk

### Safer Internet Day 2022

Safer Internet Day 2022 is on Tuesday 8th February and will be celebrated with the theme 'All fun and games, exploring respect and relationships online'. During the day, children will take part in a themed assembly and activities linked to the theme. Children will learn how they can use the internet responsibly, respectfully, and creatively whilst fostering supportive relationships and respectful communities online. Information will be sent to parent/carers in separate correspondence next week.

### School Nursing Team

Jennifer Brown, from the school nursing team, visited children from Reception class through to Year 6 this week. She talked about her role within school and what work she covers during a child's time in primary school. Jennifer also booked in dates to work with children from Year 3 and Year 4 on their emotional health and well being as well as dates for Year 5 and 6 to talk about puberty and transition to Year 7.

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Meet our school councillors for Spring term:  
Year 1 – Phoebe Galer and Harrison Clark  
Year 2 – Robyn Clark and Lewis Scott  
Year 3 – Max Dunworth and Ella Stoker  
Year 4 – Ava Finnon and JJ Beadling  
Year 5 – Neve Smith and Callum Cooper  
Year 6 – Nathan Maddison and Lily Harper

School council will be working alongside Mrs Hutchinson, Miss Henderson and Mrs Reeves this term promoting kindness, friendship and positive mental health. We will be holding a Valentine's Day lunch and children can pay £1 come to school dressed in non-uniform, wearing something red. To kick start our theme school council will also be working on the upcoming Mental Health Week and will be working alongside staff to plan activities which will promote positive mental health.

### Parking - Road Safety

Please ensure that at the beginning and end of the day children are accompanied by an adult to cross the road outside of the main entrance of school. The safety of our pupils is paramount and this area becomes very congested and busy with vehicles making it difficult for children to get a clear sight of moving traffic.

### PE Kits

Curriculum overviews were sent out last week which states what day your child has PE in school. Can you please ensure that children bring their PE kit on a Monday and leave it in school till Friday. If your child does an after school club it would be beneficial if they brought a separate sports kit to ensure that PE kits are not left at home. If any parent/carer has spare PE kit that they would like to donate please send this in to the school office. If your child forgets their kit they will be expected to wear a spare kit to ensure they participate in the lesson.

### Sats workshop/curriculum update

Parent/carers have been invited into school to meet with class teachers to receive important information about the Year 2 and Year 6 statutory assessments which will take place in May. Please return their letters indicating if you will be attending. Year 2 will be held on 7th February and Year 6 will be 10th February. If any parent/carers cannot attend this date please inform the class teacher who will ensure important information is passed on.