

# Blackfell Primary School Newsletter



Mrs Huntley received a warm send off last Wednesday. She would like to thank everyone for their kind words presents and cards. There was a special assembly where children sang some of Mrs Huntley's favourite songs and she was presented with a book with a message from every child in school. We wish her a happy, healthy retirement.



## Dates for your Diary

8th May -	Year 4 class assembly 9.15am
12th - 15th May	Sats Week
20th May-	Derwent Hill meeting for parents (4pm)
21st May -	School Council visit to Newcastle "Street Dance Event"
22nd May -	Polling Station in Community Room
26th-30th May	Half term
2nd June -	School reopens
2nd June -	Year 2 visit to Whitley Bay St Mary's Lighthouse
3rd June -	Year 5 visit to Craggside
4th June -	Year 1 visit to Rainton Meadows
5th June -	Year 3 visit to Sunderland Winter Gardens
5th June -	Parents Maths workshop KS2 4pm
9th June -	Whole School Creative Week
16th June -	Nursery sports day (am)
18th June -	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports day (pm)
19th June -	Year 3,4,5,6 Sports Day (pm)
20th June -	Derwent Hill Weekend
24th June -	Nursery/Reception to visit Down on the Farm
26th June -	Year 2 class assembly 9.15am
26th June -	Year 4 visit to Jorvik Centre York
2nd July -	Summer Discos
15 July -	Y6 leavers performance 5.30pm
16 July -	Year 6 Frankie and Benny's / Bowling
18 July -	Inset Day - School closed to children
01 September -	Inset Day - School closed to children
02 September -	School reopens to children

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## Headteacher's Update

As I write the introduction to our May newsletter, the children in Year 6 are preparing for their up and coming statutory assessment tasks in the very near future. All of the children have worked very hard to do their very best and we all wish them the best of luck! All Year 6 children are welcome to access our Breakfast Club free of charge during SATs week (w/c 12<sup>th</sup> May). There is no need to book just arrive from 7.45 am until 8.30am. Thank you to all of you that have supported them and I know that they are looking forward to a fantastic celebration day spending the profits of their enterprise project from last term. The children have decided to go bowling and then to Frankie and Benny's. We hope that you found the summer term Curriculum Overviews you received last Wednesday informative and see what a fun packed, busy term we have planned for children across the school. I am particularly looking forward to our Creative Week commencing 9th June where we will be working with many artists, authors and dancers on our whole school 'Think Big' project.

Julia Watkins

## Parent Questionnaire

Many thanks to all of you that returned your completed questionnaires last week. 67 were returned from 164 families (41% return) and we are delighted with the overwhelming positive support that you expressed for all areas of our school. I will be analysing the results and your comments and will be sharing our findings with governors and school community over the coming term. I will continue to keep you updated with actions and ensure that where possible, your comments will be acted upon promptly.

A brief analysis identified areas of strength included: children are safe, cared for, taught well, enjoy school, are making good progress, a welcoming school environment with dedicated staff, family learning opportunities, encouraging parent/carers to be part of school life, good communication and our text service used well. Areas for development included: homework, school meals, parking issues, after school/child care facilities and further development of our school grounds e.g. allotment.

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## News

Reception children performed an amazing Mini Beast class assembly. They sang songs, entertained the audience with mini beast riddles and showed all the lovely work they had completed this term. A special thank you to all the parents for their support and wonderful costumes.



The children in Year 2 were delighted to return after Easter to a newly refurbished classroom and cloakroom. Work is planned for May half term to refurbish the Reception classroom. Year 3 and 4 classrooms along with a new cloakroom area will be refurbished in the Summer holidays.

### Water Bottles

As we approach the summer months please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school. It is also essential that children bring hats/caps for protection at breaks and lunchtimes. When the weather gets really warm please ensure sun screen is applied before school.

### Elections

On Thursday 22nd May the school community room will be open for voting from 7pm until 10pm. School will be open as usual for children.

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## Visits

Year 4 and 5 loved their visit to Safetyworks in Newcastle where they toured the indoor town learning how to stay safe. Some favourite parts were visiting the Police Station, trying on uniforms and making a 999 call to report a fire. Children also learnt first aid and what to do in the event of an emergency. Road safety was also covered with the children.



## Sporting News

Children from Year 3 and 4 took part in a Futsal tournament before Easter. Out of the four schools involved we are proud to say we won the tournament and all the children were a credit to the school. Well done to Reece McCann, James Walker, Dylan Payne, Cameron Brown, Kieran Trevor, Lewis Peel, Ethan Jones, Euan Walters, Izzie Heslop, Max Liddell, Thomas Anderson, Jason Anderson, Josh Gray and James Parkin.



Well done to Adam Walters, Callum Ewart, Alex Maning, Connor Madeley, Lydia James, Ellie Bond, Nicola Butler, Reece Middlemiss, Daniel Windsor, Kaitlyn Palmer, Thomas Holmes, Georgia Barron, Amy Cummings and Sian Wright who represented school at the High 5 Netball Festival at Oxclose Academy. The children came 4th.