



A message from Mr Barrass/Mrs Haw  
Year 6 have been a wonderful class to teach this year. They have always gave a 100% with everything they have been involved in. They have made myself and the school very proud. I would like to wish them lots of luck and success for the future.

## Washington 50 Celebrations

We are part of 12 local schools who will be celebrating 50 years of New Washington Village. The celebrations begin with a collage of all the schools' artwork in the number 50 and a DVD to show us joining together with a range of activities. Our Year 6 children will be performing a version of the Lambton Worm story that will be available to see on DVD at the Washington Arts Centre in the autumn. In addition, we will be holding a whole school 'Swinging Sixties' family picnic on the school field on Monday 8th September (weather permitting). We plan to get dressed up, have music, dancing and family games. Please put the date in your diary. We are encouraging families to bring gazebos, deckchairs and rugs. The picnic will start from 1.30pm (you may arrive from 1.15pm to set up your seating). Further details will be sent home when we return in September.

## Dates for your Diary

2nd July -	Summer Discos
14th July -	Speedshot Challenge (Non uniform - sports clothes)
14th July -	100% attendance reward lunch -Frankie & Benny's
15th July -	100% attendance reward lunch -Frankie & Benny's
15th July -	Y6 leavers performance 5.30pm
16th July -	Year 6 Frankie and Benny's / Bowling
18th July -	Inset Day - School closed to children
1st September -	Inset Day - School closed to children
2nd September -	School reopens to children
8th September -	Swinging Sixties Family Picnic
11th September -	Class and Individual Photos
17th September -	Welcome Evening 5pm
24th October -	Break up for half term
3rd November -	Return to school



## Headteacher's Update

It is difficult to believe that this is our last correspondence of this academic year. We have had another very successful year here at Blackfell and the children are a real credit to yourselves and the school. We are very proud of our many achievements and improving outcomes for all children. As I write, our Year 6 children are busy rehearsing for their end of year leavers' performance. All of the staff (as are the children's families), are looking forward to celebrating their happy times at Blackfell and ensure that they all have a very warm send off as they move on to the respective secondary schools. The children have been very secretive about the content so I am sure that it will be a wonderful surprise for everyone!

You will receive your child's end of year progress report on Friday 11th July. We do not have any parent consultations planned for this term however if you would like to discuss your child's progress, please contact their class teacher to make an appointment. Already the diary is starting to fill up for the next academic year. We will be holding our annual Welcome Evening on 17th September where we will be launching our newly designed school website.

I would like to thank you all for your continuing support over the past year and hope that you all have a fantastic summer holiday and return relaxed and ready for the new term.

Julia Watkins

## School Uniform

As you are aware, we have made some minor changes to our school uniform from September. Children are required to wear black shoes/trainers (no open toes or heels please). P.E. kits must be worn for all sports sessions. A white t - shirt (or blue Blackfell t- shirt until they require a new size) and black shorts only must be worn. Little Gems in the Galleries sells the kit including new school hooded tops that can be purchased to wear for outdoor PE lessons.

A reminder as part of our Health and Safety policy children are not permitted to wear any jewellery except a watch. If your child is having their ears pierced please ensure that this takes place at the very beginning of the summer holiday as they will not be allowed to wear earrings in school on returning for the new term in September.



# Newsletter

## News

### Message from Chair of Governors - Angela Star

It has been a very busy year for our school, and that includes the Governing Body. The Governing Body is made up of various people, including parents, school staff, local councillors and others from our community. From September there will be a Governor section in the newsletter informing you of their role in school.

The Governing Body is part of the leadership and management of our school and are required to ensure the school is being ran in a high quality, effective way that works best for our children. I am very proud to be the Chairperson of the Governors but without the rest of the governing body members working together, we wouldn't have such good outcomes for our children.

Good luck to our year 6 pupils as they move to secondary school - we hope they take with them lots of happy memories of their years at Blackfell. We wish you a good and safe summer and look forward to seeing you all at the Welcome Evening on September 17th.

### Summer Reading Challenge

All libraries across Sunderland will be taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge during July and August, encouraging children aged 4 - 11 to read six books during the summer holiday. This year's theme is "the mythical maze" which challenges children to find their way around a labyrinth discovering fantastical creatures from the world of legend and mythology along the way. Children will receive incentives to encourage them to complete the challenge. These incentives include stickers, magnets, wrist bands, myth makers and key rings.

### Non Uniform Day

There will be a non uniform day on Monday 14th July to co-inside with the sponsored 'Speed Shot Challenge'. Children can wear football strips or sports clothes on the day. Each child will take part, prizes and trophies will be given for the fastest shot by a boy or girl in every class. All children have been given a sponsor form. The money raised will help boost our school fund to enable us to purchase more sports equipment for the children. Sponsor money to be in by Wednesday 16th July.



Year 2 had a great time performing their class assembly "All Around The World". They visited Scotland, Russia, Egypt, Spain and Jamaica where they discovered different traditional foods. They performed songs and dances for each of the countries and enjoyed performing to their families.

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## Derwent Hill 2014

The children and staff had a fabulous time at Derwent Hill Outdoor Centre at Keswick in the Lake District. We all increased our personal confidence through successfully meeting new challenges and working together as a team. The weather was beautiful and we enjoyed a wide range of exciting activities. Children had the opportunity to walk up hills, climb ropes, complete a gorge walk, canoe and swim in Derwent Water and experience the Death Swing. We all thoroughly enjoyed our exciting weekend. Dates for next year are already booked for 5th-7th June 2015.

