



Dates for your Diary

13th Oct-	Year 6 visit to Beamish Museum
14th Oct -	Harvest Assembly
15th Oct - 17Oct	Parent Consultations
20th Oct -	Bede's World to visit school for Y1 and Y2 assembly
22nd Oct -	Washington Anti Bullying Conference
22nd Oct -	Nasal immunizations - School Nurse in school
27th Oct -	Half Term
3rd Nov -	School reopens
4th Nov -	Foundation Stage Parent Workshop 4pm
4th Nov -	Reception, Year 1, Year 2 Movie night 3.15pm-5pm
6th Nov -	Year 2 visit Discovery Museum
10th Nov -	Year 4 to visit Bede's World
13th Nov -	Year 1 assembly 9.15am (Parents invited)
14th Nov -	Children in Need - Non Uniform Day /Cake Sale
17th Nov -	Anti Bullying Week
18th Nov-	Int2Hockey Festival
19th Nov -	Year 5 to visit Centre of Life
19th Nov -	School Discos
25th Nov -	Fire Brigade to visit Year 1 and Year 5
26th Nov -	Year 6 assembly 9.15am (Parents invited)
2nd Dec -	Year 3 to visit Bowes Museum
2nd Dec -	Quicksticks Festival
5th Dec -	Nursery/Reception Christmas Production 9.15am
9th Dec -	Year 3,4,5,6 Christmas Show 9.15am and 2pm
10th Dec -	Nursery, Reception Year 1 and Year 2 to Washington Art Centre
11th Dec -	Christmas Lunch
12th Dec -	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production 9.15am and 2pm
15th Dec -	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party 1.15am
15th Dec -	Performance of Sinbad for Year 3,4,5 and 6
16th Dec -	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party
17th Dec -	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party
18th Dec -	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party
19th Dec -	Break up for Christmas Holidays
5th Jan -	School reopens Spring term



Headteacher's Update

We are now well in to the autumn term here at Blackfell. Next week sees our first Parent Consultations for this academic year. You will have received your appointment and be looking forward to the opportunity to see your child's work and discuss their progress with the class teacher. In addition to this, you will receive your child's personalised targets for this term to further support their learning. I have been interviewing our Year 6 children this week for a number of roles and responsibilities across school. These positions include Playtime Paramedics, News Production team, Librarians, Cloakroom Monitor to name a few. I was very impressed with the children's letters of application and their comprehensive answers in their respective group interviews. Well done you all are a credit to our school!

We hope that you are finding our new website useful. We have uploaded our revised School Prospectus 2015/16 that includes comprehensive information about our school. If you have the opportunity, please take the time to read this document that clearly states our high expectations, excellent provision and shared aims for all our children. Our school statement states '**We care for every child in our school**' and we all do our very best to ensure all children are provided with the very best education possible.

We all hope that you have an enjoyable half term holiday when it comes.

Julia Watkins

Attendance

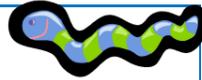
Our attendance for September was 97.9%. Each week the class with the highest attendance is rewarded with a class certificate and extra playtime. To date we have 172 children with 100% for this term and who are looking forward to an Italian themed lunch the last day of term where the children will be rewarded with Dominos Pizza served by the Headteacher and staff.



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Bookworm Challenge



Thank you everyone for your support with our Reading Bookworm challenge! The children have been eager to share their home school reading diaries and gain a star for reading with you at home. We aim for every child to read over ten weeks and earn a Blackfell Bookworm badge and enter the prize draw in December.

Design a Story Teller's Chair

Next week when the book fair is in school, we would like all children to be involved in a competition to design a special Story Teller's Chair. KS1 children can draw and label the features of their special chair and KS2 children can design, label or write about the special features of their chair. The design can be as fun and as outrageous as you like however we hope for it to promote reading! We look forward to seeing your exciting entries (that need to be returned to school by **Wednesday 15th October**). The winner in each class will be able to choose a book from the book fair. We hope to have a story teller's chair in both our libraries as part of our whole school development of reading this year therefore are looking for some fantastic ideas. Good luck!

Winners of Sunderland Tickets

The following children will receive a pair of complimentary Sunderland v Liverpool on Saturday 10th January. We had more than 50 names who went into the draw. Well done to :

Katie McCann	-Nursery	Josh Gray - Year 4
Alexander Johnson	-Reception	Owen Wright - Year 4
Daniel Lamming	-Year 1	Jessica Dunlop - Year 5
Amelia Short	-Year 1	Anna Warrilow - Year 5
Callum Atkinson	- Year 2	Ellie Bond - Year 6
Alex McGovern	-Year 2	Chloe Robson - Year 6
Lexie Murray	-Year 3	
Nathan Smith	-Year 3	
Bryon Duckworth	-Year 3	
Caleb Ord	-Year 3	

Tickets will be forwarded once we receive them into school. Enjoy the day.

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Halloween Theme Lunch

As part of our review of school meals we will be hosting theme events every term. This term there will be a Halloween Lunch on Thursday 23rd October. If your child normally has packed lunch and you would like your child to stay for a school meal on this day, please let our school office know and forward £1.90 in an envelope. The menu is on the home page of the school website. www.blackfell.co.uk

Harvest Festival

Thank you all for your kind donations of dried and tinned produce for our Harvest Festival on Tuesday 14th October. We are delighted that Rev Stephen from Oxclose Methodist Church will be joining us to tell us about food from around the world and the tradition of Harvest Festival. All donations can be made up to the day and will go to 'Peoples Kitchen.' Our school council will be supporting this event.



Anti Bullying

November will soon be here and once again we will be taking part in Anti Bullying week. This year the date is week commencing 17th November and the theme will be "Lets stop Bullying for All". Mrs Hutchinson will be overseeing the week with the school council. Friendship discos will take place on Wednesday 19th November. School Council children from Year 5 and Year 6 will be attending the Anti Bullying Conference. Further details to follow.

Film Club

Key Stage 2 children enjoyed Film Club last week. Unfortunately there was a small technical hitch however this did not spoil the enjoyment! The children enjoyed watching their film with hotdogs and drinks. We are looking forward to Reception, Year 1 and 2 Film Club on Tuesday 4th November.