

# Blackfell Primary School Newsletter



## Dates for your Diary

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
20th Nov -	CEOP training
21st Nov -	Coffee Afternoon for parents (2pm)
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 (Children's Entertainer booked)
18th Dec -	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party
19th Dec -	Break up for Christmas Holidays
5th Jan -	School reopens Spring term

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## Headteacher's Update

Dark nights are now here and as winter approaches, dare I say it already - Christmas is on its way! Our November newsletter is full of all our planned activities and events to ensure all the children here at Blackfell, enjoy a stimulating and challenging curriculum for the remainder of the term.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent/Carer Consultations last half term. We hope that you found our new personalised targets informative and enjoyed seeing your child's work. We were delighted that 94% of all parent/carers managed to attend; however if you have not had the opportunity to speak to the class teacher, please feel free to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

I hope that you received your letter inviting you to our informal Coffee Afternoon on Friday 21st November. The aim of this half termly meeting is to hear your ideas how you would like to support our school, support planned events and help us to come up with new ideas for the outcomes for all children across the school. The meeting begins at 2pm and our focus will be our up and coming Christmas Fair on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Mrs Docherty and I will be there and look forward to hearing your ideas. Everyone is welcome!

Another very busy Blackfell November- just as we like it! We are all looking forward to supporting and taking part in Children in Need, Anti Bullying Week, Educational Visits, Children's Discos, Class assemblies and of course, the arrival of the Christmas trees!

Julia Watkins



### Children in Need



We will be supporting Children In Need on Friday 14th November by having a cake/biscuit sale in school. Children can also wear Pudsey accessories e.g. headband, t-shirt etc. We would welcome any donations of cakes and biscuits into school on Thursday 13th November. Children will be also baking cakes in school next week. The cakes/biscuits will be on sale during morning break for the children (no tuck shop that day), a 50p contribution would be appreciated. At 3pm parents and members of the community will be able to buy any remaining cakes. If any parent would like to volunteer throughout the morning please contact Mrs Watkins.

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### Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 5th December. The arrangements for this year are as follows. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and their siblings can be collected via the main entrance from 2pm. At 2.30pm Years 3,4,5 and 6 will visit the fair. Parents are welcome to join their children at this time. No child in Key Stage 2 will be allowed to leave school before normal finishing time at 3.15pm unless they have been collected by an adult. Each class will be making arts/crafts to sell as well as refreshments being available. Children's calendars will be available to order. We will be holding a Christmas raffle, tickets will be sent home some soon. Other stalls will include a children's chocolate tombola, tombola, face painting and Santa's Grotto. We are starting to collect prizes and would welcome any donations or unwanted gifts into school. To help support our fair on Friday 28th November we will be having a non-uniform day (onsie or pyjamas). Children can bring in a donation for the tombolas.

### Christmas Parties

Christmas Parties will be held the last week of term. All children except Nursery and Reception children can come to school dressed in their party clothes. For Nursery children the morning session on 15th December will be changed to the afternoon, and children brought into school at 1pm. Reception children can bring their party clothes in a bag and staff will help children get changed after their lunch.

### Christmas Visits/Visitors

On Wednesday December 8th Nursery, Reception Year 1 and Year 2 children will be visiting Washington Art Centre to see a production of "I've seen Santa". Children in Year 3,4,5, and 6 will see a production of "Sinbad" in school on Monday 15th December.

### Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be served on Thursday 11th December. We would like to encourage all children to join staff in the hall for the meal and to enjoy all the Christmas festivities (including crackers). If your child normally has packed lunch and you would like them to have a Christmas lunch please forward £1.90 in an envelope by Monday 1st December.

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### Anti Bullying Week (17th-21st November)

Week commencing Monday 17th November we will be celebrating Anti Bullying Week. Throughout the week the whole school will take part in a range of Anti Bullying themed activities. A CEOP (Child exploitation and on-line protection) assembly has been arranged for Thursday 20th November where children will be taught how to stay safe on-line. Children in Year 5 and 6 will take part in Internet Safety Workshops. School Council will be selling Anti Bullying wrist bands for £1. School discos have also been arranged for Wednesday 19th November (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 from 4pm until 5.15pm) (Year 3,4,5 and 6 from 5.30pm until 7pm). Tickets will be on sale from Monday 10th November from the school office priced at £1.50. Abi Jackson, Adam Turnbull, Ben Heaps and Chloe Robson recently attended the Washington Anti Bullying Conference. The children took part in a range of Anti Bullying workshops and worked alongside other local primary schools. There are more photographs of the event on the school website.



### Film Club

This term we have successfully ran film clubs for the children after school. Following its popularity dates have booked in for Spring term. Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be held on Thursday 12th February and Year 3,4,5 and 6 on Thursday 26th March.