

Blackfell Primary School Newsletter



Lost Property

There are a number of items of clothes, coats, lunchboxes and shoes in lost property. On Friday morning 10th July all lost property will be available to claim in the school hall. Please feel free to come into school from 8.30 am until 9.00 am. Any unclaimed items will be sent for recycling.

Dates for your Diary

1st July -	School Discos
1st July -	Nursery/Reception visit to Sealife Centre Tynemouth
2nd July -	Year 3 visit to Kirkley Hall
6th July -	Drama club performance 4pm
9th July -	Summer picnic from 1.30pm - 3pm
10th July -	Reports go out to parent/carers
14th July -	Year 5 to visit Frankie and Benny's
15th July -	Cinema visit for 100% attendance
15th July -	Year 6 leavers assembly 5.30pm
16th July -	Dominos Lunch 100% attendance for Summer Term
17th July -	Break up for summer holidays
1st September -	School reopens for Autumn term

Training Days for 2015/16 where school will be closed to children are:

2nd November 2015	4th January 2016
27th May 2016	24th June 2016

Retirement

At the end of term we say goodbye and good luck to three members of staff who are retiring from Blackfell. Mrs Haw who has worked for 42 years, Ms Donkin who has kept our school spic and span for 10 years is relocating to Spain and Mrs McKinnell a lunchtime supervisor. We wish them a happy healthy future.

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Headteacher's Update

It is difficult to believe that this is our last newsletter of this academic year. We have had another very successful year here at Blackfell and the children are a real credit to yourselves and our 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!

We are looking forward to our summer Family Picnic on the 9th July. Details were sent out last week. Please return the attendance slip so that we can make arrangements and ensure that the event is a success. Every child will receive an ice-cream after they sing their class song.

You will receive your child's end of year progress report on Friday 10th July. We do not have any parent/carers 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.

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 on Tuesday 1st September.

Best wishes

Julia Watkins

It is important that we continue to work in partnership therefore we have reviewed induction arrangements. Replacing the welcome meeting in September we would like to invite all parent/carers to a drop in 'Meet The Teacher' session at the beginning of the Autumn term. These planned sessions will be at 2.30pm and 4.30pm. Parent/carers will have the opportunity to visit their child's classroom, meet the teacher and find out what their child will be learning. These sessions will be no more than 45 minutes and children are welcome to attend alongside. The dates are as follows:

Reception - 10th September, Year 5/6 - 14th September, Year 3/4 - 15th September, Year 1/2 - 17th September. Further details will be sent in September.

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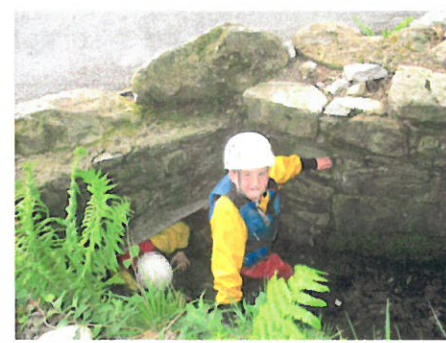
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Derwent Hill 2015

On 5th June Year 6 visited Derwent Hill Outdoor Adventure Centre in Keswick. They had a wonderful time and challenged themselves against a range of different activities. Within the grounds they attempted the high ropes course which involved scrambling up nets and poles until they reached the summit from which they abseiled down. They also had the opportunity to jump from the Big Swing. Year 6 also enjoyed completing activities within the local area: they went gorge walking and canoeing on beautiful Lake Derwent. Luckily the weather was very kind. Year 6



were a credit to both the school and their parents/carers, their behaviour was excellent. We are very proud of their achievements.



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Sports News



All of the children across the school enjoyed our Sports Day. The weather kept dry and it was lovely to see so many families supporting all of the children's efforts. Newly introduced house team forged fantastic team spirit and encouraged all children whatever their abilities to enjoy themselves and work together as a team. Winners for Reception and Key Stage 1 were Maple and Key Stage 2 were Willow. Well done to all children - we are very proud of you. Further house team events are planned for next academic year to celebrate ability and achievement in many areas of school life.

