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IMPORTANT DATES

1st March - Year 1 Agility Challenge Festival - Oxclose Academy
1st March - Year 6 class assembly 9.15am
3rd March - Year 2 Agility Challenge Festival - Oxclose Academy
3rd March - World Book Day - Book swap
7th March - RNLI in school
8th March - Parent Consultations/3-5pm Mid Year Reports
9th March - Parent Consultations 3-6pm Mid Year Reports
10th March - Year 4 to visit Centre of Life
11th March - Viking visitor Year 5
14th March - Maths calculation workshop for parents 2.15pm or 3.30pm
15th March - Year 1 assembly 9.15am
17th March - Year 3 to visit Segedunum
18th March - Royal Air Force Orchestra to perform concert
21st March - SAT's workshop for Year 6 parents
21st March - Easter Bonnet Parade for Nursery and Reception children 9.15am. Parents invited to attend.
22nd March - Year 5 class assembly 9.15am
22nd March - Egg competition
23rd March - 100% attendance buffet lunch
23rd March - Last day of Spring Term
11 April - School reopens for Summer Term
19th April - Year 3/4/5/6 Cross Country Festival at Oxclose Academy
21st April - Year 5 residential visit to Gibside
26th April - Reception class assembly 9.15am
28th April - School Disco
5th May - Local elections - Community room used as polling station
9th May - SAT's week
27th May - School Closed to pupils INSET Day
6th June - Whole School Assembly - Firehose Production "Dealing with Internet Safety"
10th June - Derwent Hill Weekend
14th June - Year 3 class assembly
20th June - Nursery Sports morning
21st June - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports afternoon
22nd June - Year 3,4,5,6 sports afternoon
24th June - School closed to pupils - INSET DAY
27th June - Kingsway Outdoor to work with Year 6
4th-5th July - Oxclose transition day
6th July - Whole school summer picnic ***Change to date***
20th July - 100% attendance cinema visit
20th July - Last day of summer term

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Headteacher's Update

Last week was 'Creative Week' here at Blackfell and what an excellent week we had! Many of you have already spoken to me to say how much the children enjoyed learning new skills and experiencing new and exciting challenges. There are so many wonderful things to share so please take a look at our class pages to see what everyone got up to. We are celebrating the success of our week with a showcase event on Friday.

As the end of the spring term draws near, we have many things to look forward to. This includes class assemblies for Years 5 and 6, World Book Day 'Book Swap' on Thursday and of course our annual 'Egg' decorating competition for Years 1 to 6 and Easter Bonnet Parade for Nursery and Reception children. You will be aware that it is Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday in April. To mark this occasion we will be learning traditional British songs and commemorating the event with providing each child, governor and staff member with a special gold coin commissioned by the Royal Mint. This gave us the idea for the theme of the egg competition this year - 'Happy Birthday!' All completed decorated eggs need to be brought to school on Tuesday 22nd March. Good luck to everyone!

To support their topic this half term, Nursery and Reception children are excited to have received the arrival of some eggs that they will be caring for to hopefully hatch out chicks. To make this occasion even more exciting and memorable, we have arranged for a 24 hour live webcam to show their developments. Just visit our school website and click on the link from today and you will be able to join in with the school seeing the chicks' progress.

We hope that you have received your invitation to our Parent/Carer Consultations week commencing 7th March. All confirmed appointments will be sent home by Friday 6th March. Please make every effort to attend as you will have the opportunity to see your child's work in all areas of the curriculum and receive Mid Year Reports from the class teacher.

Enjoy the Easter holiday when it comes.

Best wishes

Julia Watkins

Headteacher

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Safeguarding

Please remember that the school gates open from 8.45am. Staff supervise the main school playgrounds for year 1 -6 children from this time only therefore we can not be responsible for the welfare and safety of children prior to this time. An increasing number of children are arriving well in advance of the gates opening. If you require child care prior to the school day, we do run a breakfast club from 7.45am at a cost of £2.50 a session (no advanced booking required).

Attendance

The 100% attendance award winners for February's incentive were:

Nursery - Jack Newton and Cameron Sherriff

Reception - Raisa Ghiban-Calugaru and Shay Riches

Year 1 - Dylan Robinson and Aaron Cockburn

Year 2 - Ellie Platts and Evie Warris

Year 3 - Warren Potts and Shay Scott

Year 4 - Mia Kelly and Olivia Quinn

Year 5 - Brandon Witherspoon and Layla Quinn

Year 6 - Adam Turnbull and Ethan Thompson

All children received a £5 galleries voucher.

Children who achieve 100% attendance from 1st March to 23rd March will go into a prize draw for bowling vouchers.

Sports Relief

School will be supporting Sports Relief on Friday 18th March. Children can bring £1 donation to support this event. We have arranged for coaches to come into school to give each class a 20 minute keep fit class. Please ensure children have their PE kit in school on this day.

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Children across school enjoyed many different visitors and visits throughout Creative Week. Please ensure all Fun Mats Artwork is returned by Friday 4th March.

Year 6 graduating at Newcastle University.



Year 1 and 2 had a great day dressing up as Aliens.



Year 5 trying different experiments.



Nursery/Reception enjoyed a visit from Steve's Animal Ark.



Year 4 learning a new dance.



Year 3 being creative making edible wallpaper.