

# Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

6th May - Headteacher's Coffee afternoon 2.15pm  
9th May - SAT's week - Free breakfast club for Year 6 all week  
16th May - Y3/Y4 Tennis festival - Puma Centre  
23rd May - Nursery induction meeting for parents 4pm  
24th May - Year 1 to visit Washington Wetlands  
24th May - Derwent Hill meeting for parent/carers 4pm  
**27th May - School Closed to pupils INSET Day**  
**30th May - School closed half term**  
6th June - School reopens  
6th June - Reception meeting for new starters 5pm  
6th June - Whole School Assembly - Firehose Production "Dealing with Internet Safety"  
7th June - Year 5 visit to Craggside  
9th June - Nursery/Reception to visit White House Farm  
10th June - Derwent Hill Weekend  
13th June - Phonics Screening Week  
13th June - Year 2 to visit Gateshead Stadium  
14th June - Year 6 cricket festival Washington Cricket Club  
14th June - Year 3 class assembly 9.15am  
15th June - Year 3 to visit Kirkley Hall  
20th June - Nursery Sports morning  
21st June - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports afternoon  
22nd June - Year 3,4,5,6 sports afternoon  
23rd June - EU Referendum, Polling station - school open to children  
**24th June - School closed to pupils - INSET DAY**  
27th June - Reception visit for new children 9.30 - 11.30am  
27th June - Kingsway Outdoor to work with Year 6  
28th June - Year 5 cricket festival Washington Cricket Club  
29th June - Year 4 to visit Beamish  
4th-5th July - Oxclose transition day for Year 6  
6th July - Whole school summer picnic afternoon  
8th July - End of year reports to parents  
12th July - Parent/carers drop in sessions 3.30pm - 4.30pm  
13th July - Parent/carers drop in sessions 3.30pm - 4.30pm  
18th July - Leavers assembly 5.30pm  
20th July - 100% attendance bowling visit  
20th July - Last day of summer term  
**5th September - School closed to pupils - INSET DAY**  
6th September - School reopens to pupils

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## Headteacher's Update

As I write the introduction to our May newsletter, the children in year 6 are preparing for their up and coming statutory assessment tasks in the very near future. All year 6 children are welcome to access our Breakfast Club free of charge during SATs week (w/c 9<sup>th</sup> May). There is no need to book just arrive from 7.45am until 8.30am for breakfast. Thank you to all of you that have supported them and we are sure that they will all do very well. All of the children have worked very hard to do their very best and we all wish them the best of luck!

We hope that you found the summer term Curriculum Overviews and personalised targets you received informative. Once again we have a fun packed, busy term planned for children across the school. Reception children performed their class assembly 'Noah's Ark' with such confidence last week and we are looking forward to Year 3's class assembly later this term. I am particularly looking forward to our International work linked to the Olympics week (commencing 20<sup>th</sup> June) and of course our Family Picnic!

I thoroughly enjoyed accompanying our Year 5 children on their residential visit to Gibside. We all had a fantastic experience learning new skills such as fire building, geocaching and orienteering. The photographs are on our school website of what we all got up to!

It would be lovely to see as many as possible at my Headteacher's coffee afternoon on the 6<sup>th</sup> May at 2.15pm. We will be holding our Family Picnic afternoon on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 12 noon (weather permitting) and would like parent/carers to help plan and support this community event. Reception children will be singing songs from their class assembly. If you would like to help, please call in for a coffee and cake to share your ideas.

Best wishes  
Julia Watkins

## KELLOGG'S

Breakfast club was one of only 300 schools throughout the country to receive free breakfast cereal for Year six pupils children taking SAT's tests next week. Please encourage your children to join us from 7.45 am as it is important for the children to start the day with breakfast in a safe and supportive environment so they can do their very best.

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## School Visits

Gibside 2016



Children from Year 5 giving the thumbs up on a recent residential visit to Gibside.



Mrs Watkins and the children toasting and eating marshmallows.



The children creating a flame to start the fire.



Sophie, Anna and Connie enjoying time in the Strawberry play area.

### Swimming Lessons

After May half term Year 4 will be starting swimming lessons at George Washington Primary School. They will attend on a Friday afternoon and will continue lessons until Easter 2017.

### Blackfell Reading Challenge

This term children need 10 signatures in their reading diaries to achieve the prize. Please continue to hear your child read at home. This term the prize will be a Blackfell wristband.

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## News

### Community News

Sunderland Libraries are once again running the Summer Reading Challenge. The Summer Reading Challenge is a national initiative which gets children into libraries to keep up their reading skills and confidence. Children are encouraged to read six books collecting stickers and other incentives along the way. Those who read six books will receive a certificate and medal from the library. The theme of this year's challenge is 'The Big Friendly Read' based around Roald Dahl 100, the celebrations marking the centenary of Roald Dahl's birth. Further details are available from Washington Library.

### School Council

On Thursday 28th April the School Council hosted their first visitors; the school councils from Lambton Primary and Oxclose Academy Primary. We had a great morning showcasing our school and telling them all about what we have done since September and the impact we have had. Most importantly we had to time share ideas. We finished off the morning by having a school lunch. It was a brilliant morning enjoyed by all. Goal posts, new markings and a ball catcher have been ordered for Key Stage 2 yard. We hope to have them installed early June.

### Skiping Festival

Year 4 participated in the skipping festival at Oxclose Academy. Many children received individual awards and certificates for their skipping skills and routines.

