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IMPORTANT DATES

2nd March - Theatre Royal visit for children who attended the Sunderland Sings performance
2nd March - High tea for 5R winners
3rd March - World Book Day
6th March - Parent/Carer Consultations 3pm - 5pm
7th March - Year 2 to visit Beamish Wild
8th March - Parent/Carer Consultations 3pm - 6pm
9th March - Year 4 to visit Jarrow Hall
13th March - Chicks arrive in school
14th March - Year 3 class assembly 9.15am
14th March - Year 2 Infant Agility challenge at Oxclose Academy
15th March - Year 5 to visit Gibside
21st March - Year 2 class assembly 9.15am
23rd March - Year 1 to Hartlepool Marina
28th March - Year 3 to visit Bowes Museum
4th April - Easter bonnet parade Nursery and Reception (am) Parent/Carers welcome
5th April - Easter egg competition Year 1- Year 6
6th April - Easter assembly
7th April - 100% attendance lunch
10th April- 21st April - Easter holidays
24th April - School reopens for summer term
1st May - School closed bank holiday
2nd May - Parents/carers to receive Summer term curriculum overview and targets
8th May - SATs week for Year 6
12th May - End of SATs week visit for Year 6
16th May - Reception class assembly 9.15am
22nd May - International week
29th May - 2nd June - Half term holiday
5th June - School reopens
9th June - Derwent Hill weekend
12th June - Phonic screening Year 1
13th June - Year 5 class assembly 9.15am
13th June - Dance festival
15th June - School Disco
19th June - Nursery sports morning (am)
19th June - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports afternoon
20th June - Years 3,4,5 and 6 sports afternoon
27th June - Year 1 assembly 9.15am
5th July - Summer family picnic from 11.45am
7th July - End of year reports to parent/carers
18th July - Visit for 5r winners
19th July - Leavers assembly 5.30pm
20th July - 100% attendance visit - Bowling
21st July - Break up for summer holidays
*The school website calendar is updated with all visitors, assemblies, school trips and other important dates.

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Headteacher's Update

As the end of the spring term draws near, we have many things to look forward to. This includes class assemblies for Year 2 and 3, Easter assembly, our annual egg decorating competition for Years 1 to 6 and Easter Bonnet Parade for Nursery and Reception children. The theme for this year's egg competition will be 'the 5Rs', Relationships, Resilience, Risk-taking, Reflection and Resourcefulness. All completed decorated eggs need to be brought to school at 9am on Wednesday 5th April. Mrs Young, a co-opted governor has kindly agreed to judge the competition for 2017. Good luck to everyone!

We hope that you have received your invitation to our Parent/Carer Consultations week commencing 6th March. All confirmed appointments have been sent home. 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.

Following analysis of our recent parent/carers questionnaire, the governors and I have decided to send home the monthly newsletter via e-mail and make it available to download from the school website. This will ensure newsletters are received by all families as well as supporting the environment by reducing our carbon footprint. You will receive a form to complete and return to the school office with your preferred e-mail address that you would like the newsletter to be sent to.

Enjoy the Easter holiday when it comes.

Best wishes
Julia Watkins
Headteacher

Sporting Events

Well done to Year 6 who brought another trophy to Blackfell. The children won the Hockey Festival at Oxclose Academy. Good luck to the football team as the season kicked off on Thursday with a 3-2 win against Wessington.

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World Book Day

On Friday 3rd March, we celebrated World Book Day. To encourage children to love books and reading, we dressed up as characters from books. Children looked fantastic in their costumes which ranged from Gansta Granny, Harry Potter, Matilda and Mary Poppins. Even the staff had fun dressing up. We also took part in a book swap, where we also had a chance to share our books and try reading books from a new author. A chef also visited us and we made some book themed recipes such as Very Hungry Caterpillar Kebabs and Willy Wonka Chocolate Truffles. Many thanks to everyone who supported this wonderful event. Check out class pages on the website for more photos.



Winners of 5Rs - Risk taking

Janine Richardson, Katie McCann, Ollie Johnson, Honey McAuley, Dexter Lamming, Sophie Lee and Katie McEvoy all enjoyed celebrating with high-tea after winning last term. The children were voted by their peers for Risk taking. All children who have been winners will be taken on a special visit in July. This half term children will be focusing on Reflection.



Outdoor Learning - Year 1



We are delighted that the work has been completed on the area outside of Year 1 classroom. New wooden tables and benches along with a chalkboard and painting area has been installed. Many thanks to Cllr Scaplehorn for supporting the project through the Community Chest Programme.

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Governor News

Welcome to our new Parent Governor - Mr Graeme Kerry



I am father to Ellis (Year 1) and 1 year old Isla, who will hopefully be attending our school during my term as parent governor. I am married to Helen, an experienced Primary School teacher.

I am driven to get the best for all the children at our school, for their families and the wider community. I have a strong interest in education, with a solid understanding of the data used in assessing pupils' achievement and school performance; this gives me a solid basis for supporting the leadership team in achieving the school's goals in these areas.

I grew up and have spent the majority of my adult life living in Washington. On leaving school I gained an apprenticeship and served for 8 years in the Royal Navy as an Aircraft Engineer. I have since worked for 6 years as a Maintenance Engineer in the Automotive and Pharmaceutical industries.

Attendance

All children who achieved 100% attendance for week commencing 13th February and week commencing 27th February were put into a prize draw. Well done to Nursery - Jack Newton, Reception - Aaron Coulson Patel, Year 1 - Mya Okorefe, Year 2 - Dylan Robinson, Year 3 - Katie Carrott, Year 4 - Daniel Stephenson, Year 5 - Mia Kelly and Year 6 - Nathan Wilkinson. All children received a £5 Galleries voucher. Since returning there has been a lot of absence due to chickenpox. Attendance to date from September is 97%. We would like all children to achieve 97% attendance by the end of the academic year. All holiday term dates are available to view or download on the school website for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

Nursery Places

We still have Nursery places available starting in September 2017. If you have not registered your own child or know of any families looking for a nursery place (children need to be 3 before September 1st) please get in touch to arrange a visit and see the fantastic facilities we have to offer.