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- 10th June - Phonics Screening week for Year 1 children
13th June - Year 5 visitor - Viking workshop
14th June - Headteacher's coffee afternoon 2pm
17th June - Be Safe, Be Healthy Week
18th June - Year 6 to visit Sunderland University
19th June - Year 3,4,5, 6 sports afternoon 1.30pm start
21st June - Year 5 cricket festival
25th June - Year 3 to visit Botanic Gardens
25th June - NSPCC Workshop Year 5/6
26th June - Winners of 5R visit to Tynemouth Aquarium - Nursery, Rec, Year 1 and Year 2
27th June - Winners of 5R visit to Gibside - Year 3,4,5,6
28th June - Year 3,4,5,6 visit to Theatre Royal
3rd July - Nursery sports morning 9.15am
3rd July - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 1.30pm
1st July - Transition week for Year 6 children
9th July - Summer picnic
11th July - Year 6 to visit Forbidden Corner
12th July - Reports to Parent/Carers
17th July - Year 6 leavers assembly 5pm
18th July - Community room used for polling station
18th July - Reward for 100% attendance for summer term
19th July - Break up for summer holidays
2nd September - School is closed
3rd September - INSET DAY Closed to pupils*
4th September - School reopens

*School will be closed on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September. Children will return to school on Wednesday 4th September 2019.

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Headteacher's Update

It is difficult to believe that we only have a few weeks left until the end of this academic year! We are all looking forward to lots of exciting events including Sports Days, educational visits and our Summer Family Picnic event on the 9th July. This will begin at 11.45am for a family picnic with entertainment and singing on the school field in our marquee. Further details and arrangements to follow.

It was lovely to meet and welcome new children and their families for September in our recent induction meetings. We do still have a few places for September in Nursery for three and four year old children to join us. Transition arrangements for all children to meet their new teachers and teaching assistants across school are during w/c 1st July. I will be letting you know staffing arrangements next week.

All dates for the rest of this term are on the reverse of the newsletter or on our school website.

I hope that the sun will begin to shine for our planned events and for the rest of the school year!

I look forward to seeing you all at our summer events.

Best wishes

Julia Watkins

Keep Fun, Keep Fit, Keep Active

Next week, all children in Blackfell will be participating in our 'Keep Fun, Keep Fit and Keep Healthy Week.' We will be welcoming into school a range of visitors including a healthy chef, who will be working with all classes discussing the importance of a balanced diet and supporting the children in creating healthy food; the Lifestyle and Fitness Team, ensuring the children understand the importance of exercise on the body and there will be a range of coaches working with children on sports such as archery, fencing and dance. In addition, Y1-6 will compete in a 'Run a mile Afternoon' and teachers across the school will be working with different classes showcasing their favourite sports.

We also have our school sports days which will again consist of our house teams competing against each other: Maple (red), Oak (blue), Pine (green) and Willow (yellow). Teams will accumulate points for the different events that they compete in; winning teams from each key stage will be awarded a trophy in our celebration assembly. It would be appreciated if parents/carers could ensure that their child is able to wear the correct colour top of their team on the day. Due to inclement weather Nursery Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports day has been rearranged to Wednesday 3rd July (same times). On Wednesday 19th June, we have our KS2 sports day starting at 1:30pm. All parents and carers are welcome to attend what is sure to be a fun event. We look forward to seeing you on the day; let's hope the awful weather cheers up soon.

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School Visits



Year 4 had a great residential visit to Gibside National Trust. Children enjoyed a variety of activities which included den building, fire making and a low rope course. Children were great at their team work skills and supporting each other in the activities. The highlight of the visit was the night camera footage of the badger and deers. Both children and staff had a fantastic time.



Nursery and Reception visited Hall Hill Farm. The children had a great day in the sunshine. They fed lots of animals including lambs. The children enjoyed holding chicks and guinea pigs. The day ended with an adventure on a tractor ride around the farm.



Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Bamburgh. They learnt all about the heroism and life of Grace Darling by attending a workshop at the museum and through exploring the village of Bamburgh itself. They visited historical sites and also spent time on the beach. A lovely day was had by all.



Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Let's Play Big this week. They had the opportunity to take on the role and dress up as many different work forces linked to our world of work week i.e firefighters, police officers, vets and hairdressers.

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School Council

The school council have introduced changes to recycling in the school. A plastic bottle bank has been ordered and will be located in KS2 yard. This will ensure that all plastic bottles from lunch and playtimes can be recycled. School Council have also launched a competition for the remainder of this term whereby paper usage is monitored by cleaning staff within each class. The winning class will be awarded with a Recycling Champion trophy.

5r Winners

Once again children voted for their class peers on who had demonstrated resourcefulness. Well done to Olivia Smith, Nate Marshall, Megan Henry, Ayaan Tahid, Lana McAulay, Jasper Williams, Max Henry, Jaycee Day, Mya Okorefe, Jack Parkinson, Cameron Ord, Eva Healy, Layton Wood, Honey McAulay, Lauren Ward and James Morrell. The children were presented with a cuddly beaver and will join all other winners from over the year to a visit to Gibside or the Sealife Centre in Tynemouth later this month.

Operation Encompass

We have been an Operation Encompass School now for over a year as discussed on previous correspondence. This means that we receive reports of suspected domestic incidents within the community. This allows us to support children within families. Notifications arrive in the form of a secure email from the Police. We are pleased to share with you that our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new Home Office project. It is being led by Northumbria Police in partnership with Barnados and Operation Encompass. The project named Operation Encompass The Next Steps aims to form part of a wider strategy to break the cycle of domestic abuse through education and support. The school's safeguarding office assigned to our school Nicola Joicey who will be in school on June 26th to work with Year 5 and will then run a drop in session for parent/carers in the Community Room from 3.15pm until 3.45pm. If you would like further information about the sessions or other support you are welcome to visit. For more information about the project, please visit www.operationencompass.org/thenextsteps