

Newsletter

16th December - Nursery /Reception Christmas Party (am)
16th December - Year 1,2,3,4 Christmas Party (pm)
17th December - Year 5,6 Christmas Party (pm)
20th December - Last day of term, Christmas jumpers can be worn
6th January - School reopens Spring term
8th January - Year 4 start swimming lessons
13th January - Curriculum overviews to parents/carers for Spring term
13th January - Year 2 SATs workshop for parents 3.15pm
14th January - RNLI workshops across school
20th January - Year 6 SATs workshop for parents/carers 3.15pm
29th January - Year 4 class assembly 9.15am
31st January - Year 3/4 Tennis competition Puma Centre
5th February - Year 3 class assembly 9.15am
7th February - Infant Agility Challenge at Oxclose Academy
10th February - Year 1 Phonics Screening talk for parents /carers 3.15pm
11th February - Safer Internet Day
14th February - Valentine's Themed Lunch
14th February - Year 5/6 In2Hockey Festival at Oxclose
14th February - Headteacher's coffee afternoon 2.15pm
17th February - 21st February - Half term
24th February - Parent/Carer consultations 3pm-6pm
26th February - Parent/Carer consultations 3pm - 5.30pm
5th March - World Book Day - Movie night
10th March - Year 6 to Safety Works
11th March - Year 2 class assembly 9.15am
25th March - Easter Production 9.15am (Year 5 parents/carers invited to attend)
1st April - Easter Bake off
2nd April - Easter bonnet parade for Nursery and Reception 9.15 am
3rd April - Last day in school
20th April - School reopens
22nd April - Year 4 to Gibside - residential
6th May - Year 1 class assembly 9.15am
7th May - Year 3/4 VE Day celebration
8th May - School closed-Bank Holiday
11th May - SATs week
18th May - Nursery sports morning 9.15am
18th May - Reception, Year 1, Year 2 sports day 1.30pm
19th May - Year 3,4,5,6 sports day 1.30pm
22nd May - School closed - Inset Day
25th May - 29th May - Half term school closed

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Headteacher's Update

What a fantastic festive season we have had at Blackfell! There are lots of photographs on the class pages of our school website for you to see what all of the children have been up to. These include Christmas performances, Carol Services, Christmas lunch and Christmas parties.

Thank you for supporting our Christmas activity afternoon last week. It was, as always, a huge success and we raised £1000! We are planning a whole school educational visit in the New Year. Further details to follow.

The children have once again been a real credit to us all this term. They have all worked very hard, enjoyed many new learning experiences and contributed so well to the success of our school. Thank you all for your continuing support and contributions. I would also like to thank the staff who all work tirelessly to support the children to be the very best they can be. Our team commitment ensures that we provide a fantastic education for all children and we look forward to building on this next term.

We hope that you all have a lovely family Christmas and everyone at Blackfell wishes you a Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy, healthy 2020.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 6th January 2020.

Julia Watkins
Headteacher

Payments on line

We are trying to promote payments on line for parents/carers. Payments can be made for dinner money, music, breakfast club, trips and afterschool clubs. Log on to www.sunderland.gov.uk choosing pay, school meals and expenses, select Blackfell Primary School then choose the appropriate category. You will then receive confirmation of payment and school will be notified by email. A reminder that dinner money and breakfast club money needs to be paid on a Monday.

Attendance

50 children will be rewarded with a morning of activities with Mr Taylor for being in school every day this term. Attendance this term is 94%. Next term children who are in for the first 4 weeks without a day off will go into a prize draw to win vouchers.

Sport

Blackfell continued their inter school competitions at Oxclose as they participated in the first ever Handball Festival. Two teams from year 5 and 6 represented Blackfell. Both teams enjoyed their experience and the feedback we had from Mr Beeston, was that we had some very talented players. One of our teams reached the final of the competition but they were narrowly beaten 2-1. If anyone would like to join a Handball club, please contact Newcastle Vikings Handball club.

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Christmas at Blackfell

Nursery and Reception "A King is Born"



Year 1 and Year 2 "Hey Ewe"



Children across school performed so confidently in the Christmas performances. Well done to everyone—you were all amazing.

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Thank you to Wendy and her team for serving up a fantastic Christmas lunch for children and staff.



This Christmas years 3,4,5 and 6 enjoyed their visit to Oxclose Church. Children entertained parents/carers singing Christmas songs and carols.

