



July 2022

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe I am writing the final letter of the year to you. Where has the time gone? We have had a great year at Blackhall Primary and made lots of memories to cherish forever.

I would firstly like to thank our amazing staff team who go above and beyond to ensure we have happy and successful children. They truly are amazing in providing children with such a range of opportunities. Secondly, I would like to thank yourselves. You have all been incredible this year. Your dedication and commitment to supporting your children has been superb and you have also supported us. Finally, I would like to thank the children. Your children make us smile every day. Each one of them is so special and they make our job the best one in the world. I am so proud of how they have shown resilience and determination and I am sure you are just as proud of what they have achieved.

Year 6

Our children in year 6 leave us today and move on to their new Secondary School. As they do, we could not be prouder of their achievements, how much they have matured and we know that they are leaving with solid foundations to support them in the future. We will miss you, Year 6. You have been a pleasure to have in school.

Staff News

Mrs Storer leaves us to begin her maternity leave today. We wish her lots of luck with the arrival of her second child.

Huge congratulations to Miss Wright who has recently been married. We wish you a lifetime of happiness together. Miss Wright will be known as Mrs Howe in September.

Sponsored Colour Run

I cannot thank you enough for your support with our sponsored colour run. We managed to raise a **HUGE £3267** which has literally blown us away. Therefore, because of your support and generosity during difficult times, we are able to purchase a class set of iPads which your children will benefit from.

Attendance

I would like to thank families for attending school as much as possible. Children thrive when they come to school regularly and school can have a significant impact on their social and emotional well-being, as well as their education. Our overall attendance this year is 91% which has dipped from previous years. We must work hard to improve this next year.

More information will be given in the autumn term on incentives we are offering children who attend regularly.

School Uniform

A huge thank you to all those parents who have donated uniform. We will place the uniform outside the main entrance everyday next week for any parents who would like to come and take what they would like.

Water Safety

Over the summer, we would like to raise awareness of the importance of staying safe in and near water. Please can we recommend that you read the vital messages in these links with your children.

1. <http://durham.gov.uk/watersafety>
2. [Water Safety Advice | Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK \)](#)
3. [Water Safety Advice And Tips - Know The Risks \(rnli.org\)](#)
4. [Water Safety Pack | Canal & River Trust \(canalrivertrust.org.uk\)](#)
5. [Home | StayWise](#)

On behalf of the whole staff team and the governing body, we would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 7th September.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs R. Leonard
Head Teacher

