



Blackhall Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have managed to enjoy the sunshine over the past few days. We have waited long enough for it! The summer term is always such a busy term which starts with statutory testing for Year 6 and Year 2. Although there is the phonics check (Y1/Y2 – WB 12th June) and multiplication check (Y4) still to come, the summer term does not disappoint with a range of activities planned to build up to the summer holidays.

I look forward to welcoming you into school in the coming weeks. Below you will see some dates for your diary and further details on these events will follow nearer the time.

As always, if you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact me on the yard or via the school office.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs R. Leonard
Head Teacher

Ofsted

I hope you all managed to access the Ofsted report via Parent Mail that was sent out last week. I am sure you will agree that it is something to be proud of and I am delighted that the inspectors recognised the hard work of our staff and pupils, noting that our school is 'at the heart of the community'.

Year 6 SATs

A huge well done to our Year 6 children who completed their SATs tests during week beginning 8th May. Every single child worked exceptionally hard and did themselves and our staff proud.

The children enjoyed a McDonald's for lunch on Monday 15th June as a reward for their hard work. They are also looking forward to many exciting events as they

prepare to leave us for their next journey through Secondary School (see dates below).

Year 2 SATs

As Year 2 children work to complete their 'special jobs' this week, again, we recognise their hard work. We are very proud of them and I am sure there will be a little surprise for them on Friday too.

Safeguarding

As you know, keeping children safe from harm is our number 1 priority and we act on any information we receive about a child potentially being at risk of harm. If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child outside of school, please can we advise that you call First Contact on 03000 267979.

2 Year old Provision

We would like to remind parents to spread the word that if you have or know anyone with a child who is due to turn 2 years old, they may be eligible for a free child place in our 2 year old nursery. Any parents who would like to see if their child may be eligible should contact the school office.

Blackhall Bright Stars

Just a reminder that Blackhall Bright Stars baby and toddler group continues to run every Tuesday morning, 9am – 10:30 (begins again Tuesday 6th June). There is no need to book a place – everyone is welcome.

Coffee Morning

Our parent group will run their coffee mornings from Monday 12th June. The coffee mornings will then continue to run every other week.

INSET Day

Just a reminder that the children break up for half term on Friday 26th June. Monday 5th June is an INSET day and therefore the children return to school on Tuesday 6th June.

Attendance

As you know, attendance is an area for improvement within school. After introducing the attendance incentive stairway, I am delighted with how many children are moving

up the stairs every 2 weeks. This week's reward is afternoon tea with the Head Teacher. I am looking forward to sharing this with over 100 children (wish me luck!)

Reading

As you know reading is one of our main priorities in school. Staff work very hard to support children daily with this and children are making progress. Please can we ask for your support with this at home by listening to your child read as much as possible, regardless of their age. Even our oldest children love reading aloud to an adult. We recommend at least 3 times per week for as little as 10 minutes. The children earn rewards in school for the number of times they read at home.

Online Safety Updates

Please look out for our online safety updates sent out via Parent Mail. There has never been a more important time to ensure your children are safe online. Please let us know if there is anything additional you require information on and we will ensure we do everything we can to support.

Warm Weather

With the warmer weather finally arriving, please can we ask that **all children come to school wearing sun cream and a sun hat**. There are currently limited shaded areas on the school yard and the children are outside for a lengthy period during breaks without mentioning the additional activities that we have planned.

Diary Dates – Summer Term

Date	Time	Class	Event
Monday 22 nd May	All day	Year 6	Year 6 Trip – Centre for Life
Friday 26 th May	All day	Whole school	Pride
Monday 5 th June	All day	Whole school	INSET Day
Monday 5 th June – Friday 16 th June	All week	Year 4	Multiplication check
Thursday 8 th June	am	Year 6	Leaver's Service Durham Cathedral
Friday 9 th June – Saturday 10 th June	All day	Year 6	Year 6 Residential – Duke's House Wood
W/B Monday 12 th June	All week	Year 1 & 2	Phonics check
Wednesday 14 th June	9am	Nursery	Reception transition meeting
Friday 16 th June	am	Year 6	Sponsored walk
W/B Monday 19 th June	All week	Whole school	Water safety week
Monday 19 th June	All day	KS1	KS1 Trip – Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens
Monday 19 th June	am	Bluebells + Butterflies	Circus skills morning
Tuesday 20 th June	All day	Year 3	Year 3 Trip – Washington Wetland Centre
Tuesday 20 th June	All day	Whole school	Refugee day
Tuesday 20 th June	am	Year 6	Shotton Hall Transition
Monday 26 th June	pm	Year 5 and 6	Sports Day
Tuesday 27 th June	am	EYFS	Sports Day
Tuesday 27 th June	All day	Year 6	Shotton Hall Transition
Wednesday 28 th June	All day	Year 6	Shotton Hall Transition
Wednesday 28 th June	pm	KS1	Sports Day
Thursday 29 th June	pm	Year 3 and 4	Sports Day
Tuesday 4 th July	All day	Whole school	Jet and Ben workshops

Wednesday 5 th July	am	Nursery	Reception transition – reading café with parents
Wednesday 5 th July	All day	Year 6	Wellfield Transition
Thursday 6 th July	All day	Year 6	Wellfield Transition
Friday 7 th July	pm	Whole school	Colour run
Tuesday 11 th July	All day	Year 4	Year 4 trip – Durham Cathedral
Wednesday 12 th July	All day	Butterflies & Bluebells	Trip – Tweddle Farm
Thursday 13 th July	5:30pm	Year 6	Year 6 Performance to parents
Week beginning 17 th July (TBC)	TBC	Whole school	Water fun day
Monday 17 th July	10am	Year 6	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 18 th July	All day	Whole school	Whole school transition day Reception transition – teddy bear's picnic
Wednesday 19 th July	10am 1:30pm	Bluebells	Graduation
Wednesday 19 th July	5pm- 6:30pm	Year 6	Year 6 Prom
Thursday 20 th July	All day	Butterflies & Bluebells	Fun day
Friday 21 st July		Whole school	Break up for the summer holidays