

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: Friday, 1st February 2008

This week's class treat was won by Miss Donnelly's class. They have yet to choose their treat!

OUR YEAR 5 CHILDREN HAVE TWO EXCITING TRIPS THIS WEEK.....

Year 5 are currently studying Victorian Life. As part of this study a visit to Beamish Open Air Museum has been arranged for Tuesday, 5th February.

The children will be learning about what it was like to be a child in a Victorian School. They will also have the opportunity to look around the other facilities at Beamish. I am sure they will have a wonderful time!

I would like to remind you that your child can attend Beamish dressed as a Victorian child. They will also need a handsfree bag to carry their packed lunch etc.

The Year 5 children have been invited to attend the Council Chambers on Thursday to sing as part of a ceremony being held by the Lord Mayor. I am sure it will be a really interesting afternoon for them!

PLAYGROUND RESOURCES

Laurren Young, one of our Key Stage 2 children approached me to ask if the Key Stage 2 children could have some hoops, balls, bean bags etc to play with on the Junior Yard at Playtime. As a result of this the Playground Buddies are now in the process of arranging games and activities.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:
Reception— 94.2%, 1B— 88.9%, 2L-90.5%, 3D- 93.6%,
4O—95.0%, 5JC—89.5%, 5KC— 95.5%, 6D— 94.2% and
6F— 96.0%

The attendance prize was won by Mrs Ford's class. Our whole school attendance is 93% which is below our school target of 95%. We will continue to monitor the situation to improve our attendance.

HANDWRITING COMPETITION

We are holding a handwriting competition in school next week. Children and staff will take part in the competition! We have two prizes per class—one for the most improved handwriting and the other for the neatest handwriting. Winning entries will be displayed in the school hall.

Look out in the Newsletter next week for a list of winners!

SOME EXCELLENT NEWS

We are very lucky to have received funding to convert one of our unused classrooms into a Dance/Drama Studio. The Dance/Drama Studio will be kitted out with a special floor, a stage and lights.

This facility will greatly improve our ability to promote children's performing arts within school.

FAMILY MATHS WORKSHOPS

I am pleased to inform you that our Family Maths Workshops started in school yesterday. The session was well attended and we received positive feedback from parents who thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon. The parents were joined by their children after school. The remaining sessions will take place over the next 9 weeks.

Places are still available if you would like to join us.

AND FINALLY

I hope the snow doesn't cause too many problems this weekend.

Enjoy your weekend. We look forward to our exciting activities next week.

PAULA BAILEY—Head Teacher