

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: Friday, 8th February
2008

CONGRATULATIONS..... To Mr and Mrs Ker-shaw and Liam on the birth of baby Ella who was born on Tuesday, 29th January 2008, weighing 6lbs 10oz!



SOME EXCITING NEWS.....

We will be re-launching our school website very soon. Parents will be able to access displays of children's work, photographs, curriculum information, school forms etc.

The website will be updated on a regular basis to keep you informed about our school.

When the website is due to be launched we intend inviting parents into school to receive a virtual tour of the site. I will give you further details when the website is completed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kevin Graham, our Caretaker, for our web design and also our Year 6 children for their suggestions and ideas.

I am sure we can all make the website a valuable tool to share news etc about Blaydon West!

VISIT TO BEAMISH

Year 5 visited Beamish on Tuesday. They had a wonderful time and experienced what it was like to attend a Victorian school. They have all said they prefer school in 2008!

Most of our Year 5 children attended a British Citizenship Ceremony in the Council Chamber with the Mayor on Thursday afternoon. This was a special privilege for the children. The children were complimented on their fantastic singing and excellent behaviour. Well done to you all!

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BREAKFAST CLUB

I would like to remind parents that the Breakfast Club does not open until 8.00am.

We are experiencing a few problems at the minute with children who regularly turn up before this time.

To comply with our insurance arrangements children should not be in school before 8.00am. Can you please ensure, in future, that you adhere to this time and hand over your child/ren directly to our Breakfast Club staff.

Many thanks for your co-operation.



A REMINDER—CAN WE HAVE YOUR FAVOURITE RECIPES TO PUBLISH?

We have already received some recipes for our Recipe book. Please do not miss this opportunity to have your favourite family recipes included in our Recipe book.

As mentioned in my letter Gateshead School Meals Service will be putting one of the recipes on the schools meals' menu.

Please do not miss the opportunity to share your recipes with our school community!

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:
Reception—95.8%, 1B—87.5%, 2L—94.0%, 3D—90.8%, 4O—98.4%, 5KC—97.5%, 5JC—92.9%, 6F—90.0% and 6D—90.8%.

The attendance prize was won by Miss Ord's class. Our whole school attendance is 93.07% which is below our school target of 95%. We will continue to monitor the situation to improve our attendance.

OUR HANDWRITING COMPETITION

As mentioned in the Newsletter last week our handwriting competition has taken place this week and has been judged!

All of the entries were of a very high standard and our expert judges had some very difficult decisions to make.

Prizes were awarded to the children below for the best handwriting and most improved handwriting.

The winners are as follows:

<u>Best Handwriting</u>		<u>Most Improved Handwriting</u>
Harriet Marshall	1B	Ryan Summers
Isabella Icton	2L	Reece Makel
Jack Curtis	3D	Jeb Atkinson
Ellie Brain	4O	Megan Howie
Rosemary Plummer	5JC	Abbie Oliver
Sarah Devine	5KC	Chloe McCoy
Courtney Smith	6D	David Nicholson
Leanne Lynn	6F	Robert Page

The teacher judged to have the neatest handwriting was:

Mrs Ford —I am sure all of the staff will be following her excellent example of neat handwriting!

I would like to congratulate everyone who won but would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone in school for the massive improvements they have already made with their writing.

Look out for our display of winning entries in the Key Stage 1 Hall from next week.



JUST TO LET YOU KNOW Mrs Batey, our Teaching Assistant in Nursery, is currently off school ill. In the meantime we have arranged for a very experienced Teaching Assistant called Hazel Munro to work with Mrs Storey until Mrs Batey returns.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Can I remind you that a meeting will be held in the Infant Hall on Monday, 11th February between 6.00pm and 7.00pm where parents will be updated on progress since OFSTED and their short and long-term effects on school. There will also be an opportunity for parents to ask questions.

The IEB look forward to meeting you.

AND FINALLY

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and take advantage of the fact that both the mornings and evenings are getting lighter!

PAULA BAILEY
Head Teacher

