

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: Friday, 12th October 2007

APOLOGY.....

First of all I would like to apologise for the fact that there has been no Friday News for the past two weeks. This was due to problems with the photocopier the first week and the Ofsted Inspection last week.

Hopefully, normal service will be resumed from this week!

Please don't forget that if there is a problem with printing of the Friday News myself, your child's class teacher, or the office staff should be able to give you any information you need.

Remember that if there is anything important happening with your child's class you will be informed by separate letter if a problem occurs.

OFSTED INSPECTION

We are currently awaiting the report from the Ofsted Inspection. As soon as I have any news I will pass it on to you.

FAMILY LEARNING

Our Family Learning Sessions in ICT started in school on Wednesday. The session was very well attended and the parents, who were able to work alongside their children after school, were very enthusiastic after the session. At the moment we do not have any spare places but, I am sure that if the course is a success, it will be repeated again.

Please look out in the Newsletter for further details.



HALLOWEEN DISCO

The Friends of Blaydon West have arranged a Halloween Disco for Wednesday, 17th October between 5.00pm and 6.30pm for Key Stage 2 Children. Your child will also bring home a letter today. Children will not be allowed to attend the Disco unless an adult is collecting them. Please complete and return the consent form on the letter by Tuesday, 16th October at the latest.

MISSING COAT

Further to my letter on Monday, can parents of Key Stage 2 children please check to make sure you do not have a coat at home that does not belong to your child.

A coat has been reported missing from school. The coat is a blue Sprayway Coat with black trim. The coat has been missing since last week.

If you do find the coat can you please return it to school as soon as possible.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year we have decided to donate gifts of food to the People's Kitchen, a local charity involved in caring for homeless people. The People's Kitchen would appreciate donations from the following items:

Instant coffee and teabags, sugar, breakfast cereals, soup (tinned or packets), tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned desserts, custard (powdered or tinned), biscuits, tinned meat (stewing steak, mince, corned beef etc), sauces (tomato, brown, salad cream etc) and gravy granules.

They are always in need of toiletries such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo and deodorants for men and women.



Children should bring their donations to their classrooms on Wednesday, 17th or Thursday, 18th October. Our Harvest Assembly will be held on Thursday, 17th October at 1.30pm where we will be visited by Mrs Hogg from the People's Kitchen.

MR CRADOCK'S CLASS ASSEMBLY..... Will be held on Wednesday, 17th October at 9.00am. Parents are invited to attend the assembly and join Mr Cradock and the children afterwards for refreshments.



PARKING IN THE BACK LANE OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

I have had a few complaints from parents walking down the back lane outside of school that parents are coming down the street in cars when dropping children off.

I would like to remind you that this is a Health and Safety issue. Can you please make sure that you park away from the back lane and walk your child down to school.

Many thanks.



SAMPLE SCHOOL MEAL

On Tuesday, 20th November parents are being invited into school to sample a school meal.

You will receive a letter shortly asking you whether you would like to have a sample meal. Can you please return the letter to school before next Friday so that we know how many parents will be staying for lunch.

Please try to come. It will give you the opportunity to see the variety and quality of meals available to children in school!

WELL DONE TO THE FOOTBALL TEAM who successfully defeated Winlaton West Lane 3-1 and then followed their success by drawing 1-1 with Whickham Front Street.

PHOTOGRAPHS

As we are approaching half-term I would like to ask parents who have still not returned photograph orders to do so before Tuesday, 16th October to enable us to send off the order for processing.

Once the photographs have been sent away it usually takes about three weeks for them to be processed.

CLASS TARGET

This week Class 6F achieved their class target. They have received a special award to celebrate their suc-

HALF-TERM WEEK

Just to remind you that school closes for half-term at 3.20pm on Friday, 19th October and re-opens at 8.55am on Monday, 29th October.

KINGSWOOD VISIT (DUKESHOUSE WOOD)

Parents of children in Year 6 will receive a letter regarding the above visit.

The visit is taking place from Friday, 25th April 2008 to Monday, 28th April 2008. The cost of the visit is £89.00.

A meeting is to be held in school on Wednesday, 7th November at 5.30pm with a member of staff from Kingswood, who will answer any questions or queries you may have regarding the visit. They will also discuss the types of activities the children will be doing while visiting Kingswood. Information will also be given regarding payment for the trip.

Can you please indicate on the reply slip on the letter you receive whether you would like your child to have the opportunity to take part in the visit. Please note this will not commit your child to take part in the visit. It is only to ascertain how many potential places we require.

This information is needed so that we can pay the deposit before the October half-term holiday.



HAS ANYONE LOST A BIKE?

I have been contacted by a lady who lives near the swimming baths to say she has found a bright yellow mountain bike. If you believe you are the owner of the bike please contact the school office.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:
Reception— 94.9%, 1E— 92.00%, 2L-90.1%,
3R- 95.1%, 4O—94.3%, 5JC—90.6%, 5KC—
93.5%, 6D— 91.9% and 6F— 95.2%

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.

AND FINALLY

I hope you all have a very good weekend—just remember only five more days until we can all have a well deserved break!

PAULA BAILEY
Head Teacher

