

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 13th November 2009

We don't seem to have very much to report this week!

Please find in this Newsletter items which may be of interest to you and your children!



GOOD NEWS TO SHARE WITH YOU ALL!

End of Key Stage SAT results



We were delighted with the improvement in our end of KS2 statutory assessments tests at the end of last term.

	L4+	L5+
English	79%	18%
Maths	90%	31%
Science	92%	54%

We continuously strive to improve all aspects of school life for all of our children to ensure they achieve as well as they can.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who attended Parents' Evenings this week. If you did not make an appointment please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative time.

I would also like to thank everyone for taking the time to complete the Parental questionnaires. We had a very good response. I will let you know the outcomes as soon as possible.

PARENTS OF NURSERY CHILDREN

When children bring their yellow reading report books back to school, signed and commented on by an adult they receive a sticker.

5 stickers receive a certificate and book mark
15 stickers receive a certificate and pencil
25 stickers receive a certificate and book token



If there are any queries please do not hesitate to ask!

NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week we are having an anti-bullying themed week in school. The children will be involved in a range of activities with a focus on bullying—what it is; how it feels; why people bully; how we can prevent and respond to it; and how children can use their social, emotional and behavioural skills to tackle this crucial problem.



COFFEE MORNING FOR PARENTS—TUESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER AT 9.00AM

We have arranged for Don Sweeney, who is responsible for leading work within this area across all schools in the Gateshead authority, to talk to parents on the theme of bullying and how to deal with it. Miss Donnelly will be at the meeting to discuss aspects of work carried out in our school to deal with incidents of bullying and about keeping children safe.

Please come along to the meeting on Tuesday, 17th November at 9.00am. Please feel free to bring a friend. The coffee morning will be very informal. I am pleased to let you know that we will be serving tea and coffee, along with a selection of cakes and scones donated by In A Pickle, our local delicatessen.

Your support at such events is greatly appreciated!

I WOULD LIKE to congratulate In A Pickle on the opening of their new delicatessen in Fore Street, Hexham. The new shop is called "Hot Stottie". If you are in Hexham why not call in?



I would like to thank the staff at In A Pickle for providing cakes and scones for our coffee mornings.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception— 89.1%, 1D—91.3%, 2L— 93.3%, 3D— 95.7%, 4C— 90.5%, 5W—95.0% and 6F—94.1%

The attendance prize was won by Miss Donnelly's class! Our whole school attendance is 92.7% which is still below our school target. I realise there is a lot of illness at this time of year, however, with your help we will continue to work to improve our attendance

As a reward Miss Donnelly's class will receive 10 minutes free time and will have the attendance rosette, cup for a week



PANTOMIME VISIT

Our Nursery and Reception children will be visiting the Newcastle Playhouse to see The Prince and The Pauper on Friday, 20th November between 10.30am and 11.30am.

This visit is being subsidised by the Friends of Blaydon West, therefore, we are only asking for a contribution of £3.00 per child toward the cost.

I am sure you will all agree that this is a substantial saving, enabling all children to attend what, for many, may be their first theatre experience.



I would like to repeat the information passed to you on last week's Newsletter relating forthcoming events.

CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISTIMAS PRODUCTIONS

Nursery, Reception and KS1

Wednesday 9th December - 9.30am

Thursday 10th December — 2pm

Key Stage 2

Wednesday 9th December - 2pm

Thursday 10th December - 9.30am

CHRISTIMAS PARTIES

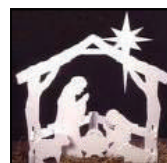
Tuesday, 15th December—am—Nursery

Tuesday 15th December—pm - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday 16th December - pm—Year 3 and Year 4

Thursday 17th December — pm—Year 5 and Year 6

We will also be holding a Carol service at St Cuthbert's church. Once we have arranged a date I will let you know.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Next Friday, as the culmination of our Anti-Bullying Week, we would like all of the children in school to dress in blue. We would like to see how inventive you can be when dressing your children! We are asking for a donation of at least £1.00 which will be split equally between the school fund and Children in Need.



AND FINALLY

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Head Teacher

