

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 13th March 2009

Congratulations to William Marshall who won a gold medal for freestyle in the Gateshead Schools Swimming Gala.

Well done to Sophie Palmer, Rosemary Plummer, Carter Brown, Shiree Florance, Jonathan Kirtley, Zoe Taylor, Jack Biggins. Lindsay Riddell and Lauren Young who also took part!



COMIC RELIEF

Many thanks to all of you who have supported this year's Comic Relief. The school has raised £240.00 from the sale of Red Noses in addition to £143.43 raised by the children who have all come to school dressed in red!

I am sure this money will be used to support well deserving causes.



WE WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP

As part of our preparations for the Centenary we would like to know if any of your relatives appear on the old photographs on display in school. Please call in and see if you can recognise anyone on the photographs in the main school hall.

We would also like to know if any children in school have parents, grandparents or great-grandparents who attended our school that we can possibly include in our celebrations.

If you can help us with this information please call to the School Office and let Mrs Nacey know.

CAN I REMIND PARENTS it is not school policy to allow children to wear earrings in school for Health and Safety reasons.

Can you please ensure that your child removes their earrings before they attend school.

I HAVE ALSO NOTICED RECENTLY....

that some children are not wearing the correct school uniform.

As you are already aware trainers are not part of the school uniform. Can you please ensure your child complies with the uniform policy and comes to school wearing the full school uniform.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



JUST TO MAKE YOU AWARE that following a recent visit by the Auditor we have been advised that once dinner money arrears reach £25.00 the matter is to be passed to the Civic Centre for collection to avoid the school incurring large dinner money arrears.

Failure to pay the arrears may, in certain cases, trigger court action.

Can I remind you it is not the school's policy to allow children to have a school meal without money on account. The school has to bear the cost of these meals. I am sure you will appreciate that this is a drain on the school budget that the school cannot afford. This has a detrimental effect on our ability to provide resources to support teaching and learning for all of the children in school.

If you have any problems relating to dinner money please call to the School Office.



ACCOUNT BY CHILDREN FROM RECEPTION ON THEIR VISIT TO TWEDDLE FARM ON THURSDAY, 12TH MARCH 2009

We were all wrapped up warmly when we left school for our visit to Tweddle Farm. We were all very excited and could not wait to see how many different animals we could see. When we arrived we saw all of the animals who lived in the outdoor area. There were red deer, llamas and some very greedy goats. Our favourite bit was when we fed the calf and we fed the baby goats. By then we were all ready for our dinner. We ate our dinner in a nice cosy area. After dinner we all played in the adventure play area and had lots of fun! Then we had one last look at our favourite animals and we all had the chance to hold some very jumpy rabbits! It was time to say goodbye to Tweddle Farm. On the way home we were so tired that some of us fell asleep.

We all had a fantastic day!



ATTENDANCE FIGURES—6th March 2009

Last week's attendance figures are:
Reception— 93.0%, 1B— 89.6%, 2W— 97.0%, 3L— 92.7%, 4C— 91.4%, 5D— 98.4%, 6C—98.1% and 6F— 90.0%

Last week's attendance prize was won by Miss Donnelly's class. Our whole school attendance is 93.76% which is just below our school target.

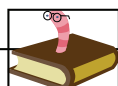
ATTENDANCE FIGURES—13th March 2009

This week's attendance figures are:
Reception— 90.5%, 1B— 95.0%, 2W— 98.1%, 3L— 94.2%, 4C— 94.1%, 5D— 99.5% 6C—95.2% and 6F— 95.6%

This week's attendance prize was won by Miss Donnelly's class. Our whole school attendance is 95.2% which is just above our school target.

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Ben Makel who won last week's book prize. This week's winner is Marc Reid. We have raised £19.37 towards new books for Nursery over the past two weeks. Thank you everyone who is supporting us in this initiative.

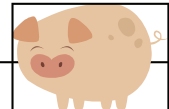


NURSERY VISIT TO BILL QUAY FARM

Mrs Storey will be taking the Nursery children to visit Bill Quay Farm on Wednesday, 18th March.

I am sure the children will love the experience of seeing all of the animals in their home habitat.

We just hope the sun shines and the weather stays fine for their visit!



CHILDREN COMING INTO SCHOOL LATE

Can I take this opportunity to remind parents that the school day starts with children lining up on the yard at 8.55am and the school day ends at 3.20pm.

We still have a number of children coming into school late in a morning.

This not only disrupts your children's learning but also the learning of other children in the class.

Can you please make every effort to ensure your child arrives at school in time to line up with their classmates.

AND FINALLY

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

PM Bailey

Head Teacher

