

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 14th September 2007

BOILER INSTALLATION

Can I start this week's Newsletter by informing you about arrangements that will be in place during the installation of our new boiler.

The steps in the Infant Yard, leading to the School Office, are to be fenced off to allow the work to take place.

I would like to ask parents to ensure children do not climb on the fence before and after school, as this is a major Health and Safety Issue.

While the work is taking place can parents needing access to the school use the main entrance off Blaydon Bank.

LIBRARY VISIT

On Thursday, 20th September Years 1 and 2 will be visiting Blaydon Library.

Year 1 will go to the Library in the morning followed by Year 2 in the afternoon.

Miss Lewin and Miss Eastaugh would like to know if any parents can help with these trips. Unfortunately, if we do not have enough parent helpers the trips will have to be cancelled.

Please let Miss Lewin and Miss Eastaugh know as soon as possible if you can help.

Many thanks.



CHANGE OF NAME!

Just to let parents know that Miss Bright— Reception—got married during the holidays and is now called Mrs McGuire.

Many congratulations to Mrs McGuire and her new husband, Adam.

UNIFORM ORDER

We will shortly be placing a uniform order. If you require any uniform items can you please complete a Uniform Order Form (available in the grey display cabinet on the wall in the School Reception). Please place completed Uniform Order Form, along with payment, in a white school envelope and deposit it in the black secure box outside of the Office.

Once your uniform has arrived you will be informed and asked to collect it from the Office.

We will not be placing another Uniform Order until after the Christmas Holidays.

HOLIDAY DATES

We have had several queries from parents re holiday dates. Please find on the back of this sheet all of the holiday dates for the coming year.

If there are any changes to these dates you will be informed well in advance.

BAGS TO SCHOOL

If any parents are sending used clothing items for the Bags to School collection can they please bring them into school on Monday, 24th and Tuesday, 25th September to be collected Wednesday, 26th September. We do not have anywhere to store the bags long term.

CLASS BEHAVIOUR AWARD

Miss Donnelly's class are the first class to receive this award. They collected 50 class stamps for good behaviour. The children will be allowed to choose a treat as a reward.

TEAM CAPTAINS

Over the past week the following children have been chosen as House Captains and Vice House Captains:

	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Vice Captain</u>
Falcon	Brandon Davison Erin Taylor	Lewis Elvin Courtney Smith
Hawk	Josh Armstrong Codie Oliver	Kelvin Hunter Natalie Cowen
Eagle	Liam Kershaw Abbigail Phillips	Tyler Watson Ellie Reynolds
Kestral	Frank Smeaton Jessica Gair	Lee Quinn Lauren Makel

A REMINDER FOR PARENTS

Can I remind parents that they are not allowed to enter their child's classroom during lesson time. If a child has an appointment a member of staff from the School Office will collect your child and bring them to you. This is to enable us to fulfil our commitment to the Safeguarding of Children Act.

I would appreciate it if you could try and arrange doctor's, dentist's appointments etc, out of school hours.

We are constantly trying to keep classroom disruptions to a minimum to enable teaching and learning to be delivered effectively.

I would also like to thank parents for their assistance at the swimming baths, however, we now feel it is no longer necessary for parents to accompany children to the pool.

If you wish to discuss this further please see me.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

Mr Dalby has selected our School Football Team following the trials held on the school field last week.

Congratulations to the following children who make up the team:

Frank Smeaton (Captain), Josh Armstrong (Vice Captain), Tyler Loughhead (Goalkeeper), Ryan Loftus, Liam Kershaw, Kelvin Hunter, Dillon Scanlon, Robbie Palmer and David Smith.

Thank you to all who took part in the trials.

We wish them well in the league this season!



WATER BOTTLES

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that we actively encourage children to drink water in school. It has been proven that drinking water throughout the day improves a child's ability to concentrate and learn.

The school sells water bottles at a cost of £1.00, however, you can send your child into school with a water bottle from home.

We have a number of water coolers in school so there is always a supply of fresh, cold water in school.



ATTENDANCE

Just to let you know that we have set up "first day calling" for children who are off school if we have not had an explanation as to why they are off.

Can parents please contact school first thing in the morning to let us know your child's reason for absence and when we can expect them to return to school. When your child returns to school they should bring a note so that we have a written record of their reason for absence. I would appreciate your help with these procedures.

Each week on the newsletter we will be publishing percentage attendance for each class and also whole school attendance for the week.

This weeks attendance figures are: 1E—96.6%, 2L— 92.9%, 3R—96.1%, 4O—98.9%, 5JC—98%, 5KC—96.%, 6D—87.1% and 6F—95.8%.

The attendance prize was won by Miss Ord's class . Our whole school attendance is 95.2% which is just above our school target of 95%.

Thank you for your support in raising our attendance.

AND FINALLY.....

I hope you have a good weekend.
PAULA BAILEY—Head Teacher