

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 16th October 2009



VISIT TO BEAMISH—THURSDAY, 15TH OCTOBER 2009

I would like to let everyone know that our Family Learning Day visit to Beamish went extremely well. The children were exceptionally well behaved and, as usual, they proved to be a credit our school.

I am sure the children will remember this day well into the future.

I would also like to thank all of the parents who accompanied us. From comments passed to me it was apparent that this was a wonderful day for staff, children, parents and other adult helpers who came along.

Without your support events like this would not be a success.

We will continue to work with parents and the community to ensure that these events will continue.

NURSERY BOOK DRAW

The winner of last week's book draw was Arantxa Armstrong. The winner of this week's book draw is Shannon Robson. Congratulations to Arantxa and Shannon!

A total of £13.80 has been raised over the past two weeks. Well done!

With your help we can continue to raise money to buy new books for the Nursery children to develop their love of literacy and reading.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS

I would like to remind parents about our centenary productions next week.

You should already have received a letter regarding the dates and times of the performances.

The first production takes place on Tuesday, 20th October at 2.00pm. A repeat performance will take place on Friday, 23rd October at 9.30am.

As stated in the letter we intend issuing tickets for these performances to ensure we comply with Health and Safety regulations relating to the amount of people in the hall.

At present we can only allocate two tickets for one performance only, however, we will keep a list of reserves and if tickets become available you will be contacted.

You will also have received a letter from your child's class teacher about the clothing your child needs to take part in these performances.

So that we can finalise arrangements, and organise our dress rehearsals, can you please ensure your child brings their outfit into school by **MONDAY, 19TH OCTOBER** at the latest.

I would appreciate your help in this matter.



CARS PARKING ON THE BACK STREET OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Following my request on a previous Newsletter about parking on the street, we seem to have resolved this matter.

Can you please continue to find an alternative place to park when dropping off and picking up children.

TEA DANCE—WEDNESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER 2009

I am delighted to give a glowing report about our tea dance.

The tea dance was attended by approximately 60 members of the local community and guests nominated by children in school.

A former pupil of the school, who is now aged 101, came along to the tea dance.

The children enjoyed the experience of talking to Janet who talked to them about her life in Blaydon. The children were especially interested in her tales about World War II in Blaydon.

The guests all commented on how well behaved and polite the children were.

Well done to you all.

Finally, I would like to thank our Midday Supervisors who dressed for the occasion, made cakes, sandwiches etc and served tea and coffee for most of the afternoon!

I really feel this afternoon helped us forge better communication links with the local community.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

As you are aware the School Photographer was in school on Tuesday.

I understand that the proofs will be back in school in approximately three weeks.

You will then have the opportunity to decide whether or not you would like to purchase the photographs.



ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception— 95.5%, 1D—93.1%, 2L— 87.5%, 3D— 92.2%, 4C—98.1%, 5W—95.7% and 6F—95.3%

The attendance prize was again won by Mrs Clamp's class! Our whole school attendance is 93.9% which is still below our school target. With your help we will continue to work to improve our attendance

As a reward Mrs Clamp's class will receive 10 minutes free time and will have the attendance rosette, cup and mascot for a week.



INITIATIVE TO ENCOURAGE GOOD ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We have, this week, continued with this initiative. However, as mentioned last week, from today children attending school each day and being on time for registration, will have their name entered into a prize draw.

A child from each class will be selected to receive this week's attendance initiative prize.

Thank you for your continued support in this initiative. I am sure that, if we all work together, we can raise our attendance and encourage children to arrive in school on time each day.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS

Just to remind you that school closes next Friday, 23rd October for the half- term holiday.

School re-opens at 8.55am on Monday, 2nd November.

AND FINALLY

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Head Teacher

