

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 16th November 2007

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week we are holding an Anti-Bullying Week in School to coincide with National Anti-Bullying Week. The children will be taking part in several workshops in school during the week to raise their awareness and understanding of how bullying can affect children. Work will be centred around ensuring our school remains a "bully-free zone" and how to prevent and deal with bullying.

During this week we will be reviewing our Anti-Bullying Policy with pupils, staff and parents.

A copy of the Policy will be sent to you for your comments and suggestions.

100% ATTENDANCE.....

I would like to let you know that today is the cut off date for the 100% attendance prize of the Newcastle United tickets. All of the children who have 100% attendance will be put into the draw that will take place next week.

BOOK FAYRE AND FANCY DRESS

As mentioned in my previous Newsletters we are holding a Book Fayre in school commencing Monday, 26th November.

I would like to let you know we have decided to hold a Fancy Dress Day in school where children can dress as a character from their favourite book. We have yet to decide which day we will be holding our Fancy Dress Day on but I thought I would give you advance notice so you can start and plan your child's costume!

I will let you know next week what day the Fancy Dress Day will take place on.



JOLLY PHONICS

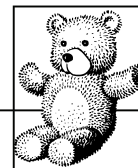
Mrs McGuire would like to thank all of the parents who attended the Jolly Phonics sessions in school yesterday afternoon.

Mrs McGuire would like to remind parents that her Jolly Phonics sessions will continue next Thursday at 3.00pm. She hopes to see all of the parents who attended this week but would welcome any other interested parents from Reception and Year 1.

A REQUEST FOR CUDDLY TOYS FROM THE FRIENDS OF BLAYDON WEST

The Friends of Blaydon West would like donations of cuddly toys for the Tombola stall at the Christmas Fayre.

Can you please send any unwanted and unloved cuddly toys into school next week so that we can ensure we have enough cuddly toys to run the stall successfully!



OUR NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL.....

Mr Cradock has asked me to inform you all that our School Council is now up and running!

The following children have been nominated by the children for the positions listed below:

Frank Smeaton	Chairperson
Codie Oliver	Vice Chairperson
Ryan Loftus	Secretary
Erin Taylor	Vice Secretary

PARENTS' EVENING

The staff and myself would like to thank all parents who attended Parents' Evening. I hope that you found the meeting informative.

We believe that relationships between home and school are vital to children's education and development.

Sincere thanks for all the commitment you give the school on a day to day basis. We look forward to developing our partnership for the benefit of all children.

Please remember that, if you are concerned about any aspect of your child's education or welfare, I am always available to answer any questions. Class teachers are also happy to discuss any matters of concern with you. Appointments can be made through speaking to the teacher on the school yard or by making an appointment via the school office.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:
Reception— 95.7%, 1E— 94.2%, 2L-92.1%, 3R-93%,
4O—86.8%, 5JC—98.8%, 5KC— 90%, 6D— 93.4%
and 6F— 94.1% .

The attendance prize was won by Mrs Clamp'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.

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE....

We have today picked the children named below to hold the following posts:

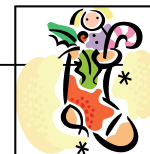
Ryan Loftus	Head Boy
Courtney Smith	Head Girl
Frank Smeaton	Deputy Head Boy
Charlie Lamb	Deputy Head Boy
Elle Reynolds	Deputy Head Girl
Stacey Maughan	Deputy Head Girl

Many congratulations.

JUST A REMINDER OF DIARY DATES

I would just like to remind you of the dates for your diary leading up to Christmas!

- 19th November Anti-Bullying Week
- 4th December Yr 6—Educational Visit - Chopwell Woods
- 7th December Christmas Fayre—2.00pm
- 13th December 9.30am—KS1 Christmas Production
2.15pm—KS2 Christmas Production
- 14th December 9.30am—KS2 Christmas Production
2.30pm—KS1 Christmas Production
- 17th December Christingle Service
St Cuthbert's Church
- 18th December pm—Years 3 and 4
Christmas Party
- 19th December am—Nursery Party
- 19th December pm—Year 5 Christmas Party
- 19th December pm—Reception/Year 1 and
Year 2 Christmas Party
- 20th December pm—Year 6 Christmas
Party
- 21st December Pantomime
- 21st December 3.20pm—school closes for
Christmas Holiday
- 7th January 2008 School re-opens at 8.55am



AND FINALLY...

I hope you do have a wonderful weekend!

PAULA BAILEY
Head Teacher

