

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 19th October 2007

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that the school closes for the half-term holiday at 3.20pm today.

School re-opens at 8.55am on Monday, 29th October.

As we continue monitoring our attendance can you please ensure that your child attends school on time. The correct procedure for informing school of a child's absence is to ring school as soon as possible, giving reason for absence and also expected date of return. When your child returns to school can you please send a note confirming the reason for absence.

TRAINERS

I have still had to speak to a few children this week regarding wearing trainers for school. Can I ask that, after the half-term holiday, all children come to school in full school uniform and wear sensible school shoes.

ATHLETICS SESSIONS

I have arranged for Athletics sessions to take place in school commencing Friday, 2nd November. The sessions are open to children in Years 4, 5 and 6.

The sessions will take place after school, between 3.30pm and 4.45pm.



Can you please let your child's class teacher know if your child is interested in taking part.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE APPEAL

Once again we are taking part in the Samaritan's Purse Appeal to help children in underprivileged countries.

We are hoping to improve on the amount of boxes we collected last year.

If you are out over the holiday perhaps you could start collecting items to fill a box!



THANK YOU SO MUCH.....

As usual the Hallowe'en Disco was a huge success. I would like to thank the Friends of Blaydon West for organising the Disco, the staff and parents who helped with the Disco, and also the parents who came to collect their children. This is a huge help when organising events outside of the school day. I really appreciate your support!

Of course, it goes without saying that I would like to thank the children for their excellent behaviour!

The Friends of Blaydon West made a profit of £62.82 from the disco.

MR CRADOCK'S ASSEMBLY

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the assembly on Wednesday. The assembly was fantastic and I am sure all of you who attended were very impressed.

I am sure you enjoyed your refreshments too!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Festival went extremely well on Thursday afternoon. A representative from the People's Kitchen attended the assembly.



I would like to thank everyone for their support in providing donations. The donations will be used to help feed homeless people who attend the People's Kitchen in Newcastle.

CLASS TARGET

This week Class 6D achieved their class target. They have received a special award to celebrate their success.



ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:
Reception— 86.4%, 1E— 94.7%, 2L-94.8%, 3R- 97.4%,
4O—94.7%, 5JC—95.2%, 5KC— 90,0%, 6D— 91.6%
and 6F— 95.5%

The attendance prize was won by Mrs Roberts 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.

PARENTS' EVENING

I realise that working parents can sometimes find it difficult to arrange time off work for appointments in school, therefore, I would like to give you advance notice of Parents' Evening.

Parents' Evening will be on Tuesday, 13th November between 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

You will receive details of how to make an appointment after half-term.

SALE OF POPPIES.....

When we come back to school after half-term we will be selling poppies for the Royal British Legion.



Your child's teacher will give further information about when the poppies are being sold.

We normally suggest the children donate a silver coin to the collection.

AND FINALLY.....

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday, 29th October.

I am sure the run up to Christmas will be hectic and exciting so I hope you all take the opportunity to have a relaxing holiday.

PAULA BAILEY
Head Teacher

