

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 19th December 2008

The Staff, pupils and myself would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and offer you our best wishes for a very prosperous New Year!

A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF BLAYDON WEST...

I am really pleased with what has happened over the past year at Blaydon West.

So far we have had three very positive HMI Inspections. I am sure you will join me in thanking everyone who has worked so hard to enable us continue raising standards in school.

In September we welcomed our new Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs Watson, to school. Mrs Watson continues to have a huge impact on our school improvement plans.

Over the past year many areas in school have been refurbished. One of the projects undertaken is the refurbishment of the School Library. The children are really enjoying the new environment which, hopefully, will encourage them to develop a love of reading to take with them when they leave Blaydon West. I am sure you will agree the school looks more inviting now to children, parents and visitors!

On a sad note, however, we are saying goodbye to Mr Cradock who is leaving us after nine years to join High Spen Primary School. I am sure you would all like to join me in wishing him every success in the future.

MRS STOREY has asked me to let you know that the winner of last week's book draw was Brooke Robson. A total of £6.00 was raised towards purchasing new books.

Mrs Storey would like to thank you all for supporting our book draw this term. We have purchased some new library books with the money raised. She looks forward to your continued support next term.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

School closes for the Christmas break tomorrow and will not re-open until:

**8.55am on TUESDAY, 6TH
JANUARY 2009**

WE HAVE HAD A VERY BUSY WEEK.....

I would like to thank everyone who joined us on Monday morning at St Cuthbert's Church for our Christmas service. A special thank you to Reverend Thorp and everyone who participated in the service. Also, on Monday the school choir played host to grandparents and members of the local community who listened to them singing carols.

This was followed by mince pies and tea where the children had the opportunity to have a chat with members of the audience.

The children and those who attended the performance thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.



On Tuesday the choir visited Hadrian House, a home for elderly people. Once again the children sang carols for the residents. The choir were very warmly received and the residents had the opportunity to join in with the carol singing.

The final performance of the week was on Thursday where the children sang for the Midday Supervisors, Cleaners and Kitchen Staff. The audience were all presented with a Christmas card and calendar made by the children and, of course, a small gift from Santa Claus.

AND FINALLY I hope you all have a wonderful holiday. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Mr Bailey - Head Teacher

