

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 19th March 2010

IMPROVED ATTENDANCE!

I am delighted to let you know that our attendance is improving.



There are only nine more days to go until we break up for the Easter Holidays. With your help we can continue to improve our attendance.

Every child who has 100% attendance, and who has arrived in school on time each day, will have their names entered into a prize draw to win £50 worth of vouchers.

MISS LEWIN.....

has asked me to inform parents that she will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, 24th March at 3.00pm, to let parents know what will happen while their children are undertaking SATS tests.



This is an opportunity for parents to discuss any concerns they may have regarding the tests and also to be given information on how you, as parents and we as a school, can help children cope with SATS tests.

I would like to point out that the Year 2 SATS are very informal and are carried out in the class, therefore, children should not feel any pressure during the tests.

SCHOOL DINNER MONEY INCREASE

You will already have received a letter, but just to remind you, that the cost of school meals is increasing to £1.85 per day, £9.25 per week after the Easter Holidays.



DT CLUB

Mrs Storey will be holding a DT Club during Wednesday lunchtimes after the Easter Holidays. Letters will follow soon with further information.



FLORA COOKING WITH SCHOOLS

The Flora cooking with schools challenge has arrived!

Last year we collected enough tokens to claim:

- ◆ A deep 12 hold bun tray
- ◆ A baking sheet
- ◆ White spatulas
- ◆ Mixing bowls
- ◆ A cutting board
- ◆ A stainless steel sieve
- ◆ A stainless steel whisk
- ◆ Wooden spoons
- ◆ A plastic lemon juicer

This cooking equipment has been widely used in school. With your help and support we hope to collect more tokens this year. Our aim is to have enough cooking equipment for one class to use.

Please pass all tokens to Mrs Storey.



NURSERY CHILDREN

Will have an exciting week next week! As mentioned on last week's Newsletter our chicks are due to hatch next week!

I will give your further information on how many chicks hatch next week.



EASTER FANCY DRESS DISCO

Just a little note to remind parents about the Easter Fancy Dress Disco for children from Year 1 to Year 3 to be held between 4.00pm-5.00pm and Year 4 to Year 6 between 5.15pm and 6.30pm on Tuesday, 23rd March.



If you have not received a letter and would like your child to attend please contact the school office.

FRUIT

As you may already be aware Key Stage 1 children receive free fruit as part of the Government Fruit Scheme.



We would like to give all children the opportunity to have fruit at break time, therefore, we have arranged for the supplier to deliver fruit for the Key Stage 2 children. However, there will be a charge for this fruit.

We intend to subsidise the cost of the fruit. If you would like your child to have a piece of fruit at school each day we intend charging 50p per week. Please send this money into school on Monday morning.

I am sure you will agree with me that this is an excellent way to encourage children to have fruit at during the school day.

EARTH DAY

The School Eco Council are holding an "Earth Day" on Friday, 26th March.



It is a special day for the children to learn more about looking after our planet and things that we can do to protect it.

As part of this day we would like the children to dress in bright colours. There will be a prize for the child with the most highly coloured costume.

The Eco Council are trying to raise funds to improve our playground facilities therefore we are charging £1.00 per child to support their efforts.

They are also holding a "Book Swap". Anyone who would like to bring a book that they have read will be able to swap it for another book provided by another child.

DANCE FESTIVAL

I would like to thank all of the children who took part in the Gateshead Dance Festival on Monday. We are all very proud of their achievements. I would like to thank all of the parents who came along to support us.



I would also like to thank Victoria Vessey, the dance teacher who has been working with the children, for all of her hard work and efforts in helping put on a fantastic display.

PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you to all of the parents for attending our Parents' Nights. I would like to thank you all for completing our questionnaires. Your views are extremely important to us. Once the results have been analysed I will give you feedback.



Any parent who was unable to attend either of our Parents' nights, but would like an appointment with the teacher, please contact school to arrange an appointment.

PEDESTRIAN TRAINING

Miss Donnelly has asked me to remind parent/ helpers of Year 3 children that Pedestrian Training will take place at 9.30am on Wednesday, 24th March. If you cannot attend please let her know.



YEAR 3

are taking part in an Ancient Greek Day on Wednesday, 31st March. As part of this day they will be holding a class assembly. Parents are welcome at the Greek Day. Anyone who can help make costumes please contact Miss Donnelly.



FOOTBALL MATCH RESULTS

Congratulations to our football team who played at Parkhead in a Tournament last night. I am pleased to say that the team won 5 games and lost only one!



We are now top of the West League!

Well done, Kelvin Hunter, Kevin Gofton, Nathan Rusted, Jordan Parker, Michael Gibson and Jack Biggins!

"Howay the lads"!

BLAYDON IN BLOOM COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following children who achieved Highly Commended or Commended in the Blaydon in Bloom competition:



Dillon Swan, Ellie-Sue Parkinson, Isabella Icteton, Bethany Robson, Tayla Kelly, Jayden Tang and Ricky McCoy.

These children received a certificate to celebrate their success.

A special mention goes to Anya Hawley who won third prize in her group.