

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 19th September 2008

ATTENDANCE INITIATIVE—NEWCASTLE UNITED TICKETS

Further to the information contained on last Friday's Newsletter I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents and children that we will be monitoring attendance and punctuality from Monday.

To have a chance of winning the tickets to the Newcastle United game children need to attend school every day for the next four weeks. In addition to this children are expected to arrive at school on time.

If your child has need of medical treatment or visits to the dentist can you please try to arrange these outside of school time. If you need an appointment during school hours can you try to bring your child to school before and after the appointment. This will ensure they have a chance of winning the prize.

NETBALL COACHING FOR YEARS 5 AND 6

On Tuesday night, after school, we will be starting a netball coaching course for children in Years 5 and 6. The coaching sessions will be run by a professional coach assisted by Miss Donnelly and Miss Lewin.

The session will run from 3.20pm to 4.20pm. As stated on the letter can you please ensure your child is aware of the arrangements in place for their collection from school.



CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES

Wednesday, 22nd October Year 5
Wednesday, 12th November Year 6 (Miss Ford)
Wednesday, 19th November Year 2
Wednesday, 26th November Year 6 (Mr Cradock)

CHRISTMAS PARTY DATES

Tuesday, 16th December - KS1/Rec Xmas Party
Wednesday, 17th December - Year 3/4 Xmas Party
Thursday, 18th December - Year 5/6 Xmas Party

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 26th September—Year 2 Visit—Stories at Saltwell

Thursday, 2nd October—Year 6 visit to Cragside

Friday, 3rd October—Year 5—Newcastle Arena, BUPA Great North Sport and Fitness Show and Bessie Surtees House

Wednesday, 8th October—Year 5—Seven Stories Drama Workshop

Friday, 10th October—Year 6—Show Racism the Red Card—event in school

Monday, 13th October—Year 5/6 Netball Tournament

Thursday, 23rd October—Maths Workshop Afternoon/Evening for parents (more details to follow)

Monday, 3rd November—Staff Training Day—school closed

Tuesday, 11th November—Year 4—visit to Beamish

Monday, 17th November—Book week, including Book Fair

Wednesday, 26th November—Pantomime—Aladdin

Wednesday, 10th December—am—KS2 Christmas Production

Wednesday, 10th December—pm—KS1 Christmas Production

Thursday, 11th December—am—KS1 Christmas Production

Thursday, 11th December—pm—KS2 Christmas Production

Thursday, 15th December—am—Senior Citizens Tea Party

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception—96.0%, 1B— 90.0%, 2W-93.3%, 3L- 97.0%, 4C—97.0%, 5D—97.4%, 6C— 91.0% and 6F— 99.5%

The attendance prize was won by Miss Ford's class. Our whole school attendance is 95.1% which is just above our school target!

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

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Can I please remind parents to return their Data Collection Sheets as soon as possible to enable our school records to be updated.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

PHONICS SESSION FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

Mrs McGuire has asked me to let Reception parents know that she will be holding a Phonics Session in her classroom on Thursday afternoon between 3.00pm and 3.20pm.

She would like to welcome you all to the session.

SWEARING AND INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE ON THE SCHOOL YARD

I have had a number of complaints recently about the increased number of parents who are using foul language on the school yard whilst dropping off and collecting their children.

I am sure that you will appreciate that the use of foul language and swearing in front of the children is entirely inappropriate. Many of our parents and children are both upset and offended by this.

I have sought advice from the LA and they have instructed me that any parents using foul and inappropriate language will be asked to leave the school premises immediately.

AND FINALLY

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Paula Bailey
Head Teacher



BLAYDON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL—HOLIDAY DATES 2008-2009

	School Closes—3.20pm	School Re-opens—8.55am
Autumn Half-Term Holiday	Friday, 24th October 2008	Monday, 3rd November 2008
Christmas Holiday	Friday, 19th December 2008	Monday, 5th January 2009
Spring Half-Term Holiday	Friday, 13th February 2009	Monday, 23rd February 2009
Easter Holiday	Friday, 3rd April 2009	Monday, 20th April 2009
Summer Half-Term Holiday	Friday, 22nd May 2009	Monday, 1st June 2009
Summer Holidays	Friday, 17th July 2009	

In addition to the above dates the school will be closed to pupils on Monday, 4th May 2009 (May Day Bank Holiday). Two additional dates will be notified later for teacher training days.