

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 2nd October 2009

ADVANCE NOTICE:

I would like to let you know that the school photographer will be coming into school on Tuesday, 13th October.

This year there is a change in the arrangements for parents wanting group photographs taken with children who are pre-school age.

These photographs will be taken between 8.30am and 8.50am. Parents/carers will then be able to drop their children off in time for the school day starting at 8.55am.

I appreciate your help in this matter.



BEAMISH TRIP—IMPORTANT INFORMATION

I would like to inform parents/carers who would like to accompany children to Beamish that we need to know by **MONDAY, 5TH OCTOBER** at the latest to allow us to finalise numbers for Beamish and book our coaches.

Can I take the opportunity to remind you that the cost of the visit is £4.00 per child, which is a voluntary contribution. However, the cost for any adult accompanying the children is £6.00, which is still being heavily subsidised by the school. This still offers excellent value for money for a day at Beamish.

Parents/carers who have paid for their visit will receive a ticket before the trip confirming their place on the visit.



NURSERY BOOK DRAW

The winner of last week's book draw was Katie Smith. Well done Katie. With your help we can continue to raise money to buy new books for the Nursery children to develop their love of literacy and reading.



MRS McGUIRE would like to thank all of the Parents/carers who attended her Phonics session yesterday afternoon.

All parents/carers are welcome at this session—if you have missed this session please feel free to join the next session.

Next week's session is being held on Wednesday, 7th October at 3.00pm as Mrs McGuire is on a course on Thursday.



POLITE REQUEST

It has come to my attention, once again, that a minority of parents are parking on the back lane outside of the school.

This poses a health and safety risk to children entering and leaving the school.

Can you please find an alternative parking place if you are dropping off or picking up your child/ren from school.



KINGWOOD VISIT—YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6

Once again, we intend taking children from Year 5 and Year 6 to Kingswood next year.

Miss Ford has arranged a meeting to be held in school at 5.30pm on Monday, 12th October, to give parents of children who would like to go information about the cost of the visit and the activities your child will have the opportunity to participate in.

If you cannot make the meeting please do not hesitate to contact Miss Ford for information.



DATA COLLECTION SHEET

You will receive a data collection sheet from school today for you to amend your contact details, if necessary.

Can I please ask you to return the form stating there are no amendments necessary if your contact details remain the same?

I am sure you will appreciate the importance of keeping school up to date with contact numbers in case of emergency.



INITIATIVE TO ENCOURAGE GOOD ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

From Monday we will be offering incentives to children for attendance and punctuality.

Any child who has 100% attendance for the week, and who has arrived in school on time each day, will receive a small incentive to celebrate the fact that they have been in school and on time each day.

Can you please support us to help us raise our attendance? It is important for children to be in school on time so that they are in class when the teacher explains what the focus of the lesson is. It is a well known fact that good attendance and punctuality have a positive impact on children's achievement in school.

Please work with us to see what improvements we can make to resolve our attendance and punctuality issues.



YEAR 2 LIBRARY VISIT

Miss Lewin has asked me to let Year 2 parents know that the children will be going to the Library on Thursday, 8th October at 9.00am. Miss Lewin would appreciate help from any parents who are free. Please contact Miss Lewin if you can help.

THE AMAZING BARTER BROTHERS

I would like to thank the band, and all of you who supported the Friends of Blaydon West fundraiser, at the Black Bull last Saturday.

The fundraiser made £185 which will be used to support good causes within school.

Many thanks to Cassie for all of her hard work!



YEAR 6 PARENTS' NIGHT—RYTON COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

There is a parents' meeting for current Year 6 children being held at Ryton Comprehensive School on Thursday, 8th October at 6.00pm where parents will be given information about the processes in place for children starting Ryton Comprehensive School in September 2010.

Further information will be given to you nearer the time, however, the School Prospectus and the school website will give you further information.



ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:
Reception— 84.8%, 1D—94.1%, 2L— 95.4%, 3D— 94.6%, 4C— 76.4%, 5W—91.1% and 6F—85.9%

The attendance prize was won by Miss Donnelly's class! Our whole school attendance is 88.9% which is well below our school target. With your help we will continue to work to improve our attendance

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



AND FINALLY

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Head Teacher