

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: Friday, 2nd November 2007

### PARENTS' EVENING

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that Parents' Evening will be held on Tuesday, 13th November 2007 between 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

Your child will bring home a letter asking you to indicate what time you would like to attend. If your preferred time is not available your child's class teacher will contact you to arrange an alternative time.

### PARENTS' MEETING RE OFSTED REPORT

I would like to remind you that the Governors of Blaydon West Primary school will be holding a meeting in the Infant Hall on Tuesday evening at 6.30pm. This will enable parents who are unsure of what will be happening in school to have the chance to ask questions.

We hope to have your full support at this time.

### SAMARITAN'S PURSE APPEAL

I would like to let parents know that we are again collecting for the "Shoebox Appeal". You will receive a leaflet next week detailing the things you are able to include in your box.

Can you please bring your shoeboxes into school week commencing 19th November.

I hope we can collect a good number of boxes to help make Christmas special for children not as fortunate as ours.

### BOOK FAYRE

We will be holding a Book Fayre in school commencing Monday, 26th November.

This is an exciting opportunity for parents to buy Christmas presents for children. All of the books will be reasonably priced.

There will be a large selection of books suitable for all ages. In addition to this there will also be many other items for sale.

All profit received from the Book Fayre will go towards subsidising school trips etc.

### SALE OF POPPIES

From Monday, 5th November we will be selling Poppies in aid of the Royal British Legion.

If your child would like to buy a poppy can I suggest a donation of a silver coin.

I hope you can support us in raising money for this charity.

### ONE FINAL MEETING!!!!!!!!!!!!

There will be a meeting in school on Wednesday, 7th November at 5.30pm for parents of children who will be attending Kingswood Residential Centre next year.

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

The Friends of Blaydon West have asked me to let you know that they will be holding a Christmas Fayre in school on 7th December at 2.00pm. This event is always very successful in raising money for school.

The Friends of Blaydon West would like parent helpers to make the event a success. You will receive a letter next week asking if you are able to help in any way.

There are several ways you can help, ie by donating items to sell at the Fayre, by baking cakes or savouries, help with preparation and clearing up or helping with the Fayre itself.

### **HEALTHY SCHOOLS STATUS**

I am pleased to let you know that the school has been awarded Healthy School Status. This is a new award that replaces the Healthy Schools Award that we have held for over ten years.

I would like to thank everyone for their contribution in helping to achieve this prestigious National award.

### **HEAD LICE**

I am aware that there have been a few issues recently regarding Head Lice. Can I please ask you to complete regular head checks on your children.

Your GP will be happy to provide a prescription for medication or, alternatively, you can contact the School Nurse, Judith Bunce, for advice.

If you require any help please call into school.

### **AND FINALLY.....**

I hope you all have a good weekend.  
PAULA BAILEY  
Head Teacher

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

I know many of you have work commitments therefore I would like to give you prior notice of events in the run up to Christmas.

19th November	Anti-Bullying Week
4th December	Yr 6—Educational Visit - Chopwell Woods
7th December	Christmas Fayre—2.00pm
13th December	9.30am—KS1 Christmas Production 2.15pm—KS2 Christmas Production
14th December	9.30am—KS2 Christmas Production 2.30pm—KS1 Christmas Production
17th December	Christingle Service St Cuthbert's Church (to be confirmed)
18th December	pm—Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party
19th December	am—Nursery Party
19th December	pm—Year 5 Christmas Party
19th December	pm—Reception/Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party
20th December	pm—Year 6 Christmas Party
21st December	Pantomine
21st December	3.20pm—school closes for Christmas Holiday
7th January 2008	School re-opens at 8.55am

### **ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

This week's attendance figures are:  
Reception— 94.3%, 1E— 92.4%, 2L-90.7%, 3R-95.1%, 4O—94.4%, 5JC—91.4%, 5KC— 92.8%, 6D— 92% and 6F— 95.4%

The attendance prize was won by Mrs Roberts' class. Our whole school attendance is 93.1% which is below our school target of 95% We will continue to monitor the situation to improve our attendance.