

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 2nd July 2010



GATESHEAD SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS FESTIVAL

I would like to congratulate all of the children from Blaydon West Primary School who took part in the Gateshead Schools' Athletics Festival last Friday. We had a number of children who made it through the heats, however, I am sure you would all join me in sending special congratulations to Michael Ormston. Michael is pictured holding the two bronze medals he won in the Year 3/4 Cricket Ball Throw and the Year 3/4 Skipping 60m.

SPORTS DAY

After holding the Sports Day on the school yard for the past two years we are currently looking at alternative venues for Sports Day.



Once I have finalised the details I will let you know where the Sports Day is being held.

In the meantime, please book the date in your diary. Sports Day will be held on **MONDAY, 19TH JULY IN THE AFTERNOON** for children from Reception to Year 6.

Nursery are making their own arrangements. Mrs Storey will let you have the date and details once this has been arranged.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



I regret to inform you that, due to lack of support, the Disco has had to be cancelled.

As mentioned on last week's Newsletter I stated that in order to make the Disco viable we would have to sell at least sixty tickets.

Unfortunately, we have not sold anywhere near that number.

Money for tickets already purchased will be returned to your child early next week.

If anyone has any ideas on fundraising activities we can carry out to raise money for the school funds please do not hesitate to let me know.

CHANGE TO END OF SUMMER TERM DATE

I would like to let you know that there has been a change in the date of the end of term.

School will now close for the summer holidays on Thursday, 22nd July at 3.30pm and will re-open on Tuesday, 7th September at 8.55am

GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer is coming into school on Monday, 5th July to collect the group photographs.

After that date it will not be possible to place any additional orders.

INFORMATION FOR NURSERY PARENTS AND PROSPECTIVE NURSERY PARENTS

On Wednesday, 7th July, Mrs Storey will be holding a Nursery Open Afternoon between 1.00pm and 2.00pm for parents of children who will be in our Nursery during the academic year 2010-2011.

Parents will have the opportunity to have a look at the Nursery Area, including the outdoor play area.

If anyone is aware of any parent who will be looking for a Nursery place for their child please encourage them to come and have a look at our excellent facilities.

On Thursday, 8th July there will be a meeting in school at 11.15am for parents whose children will be in our Nursery in September.

This meeting is to discuss the Government's changes to Nursery hours and allow parents to meet the staff who will be in Nursery in September.

We will also be talking parents through safeguarding procedures when collecting children from Nursery.



YEAR 4 VISIT TO ARBEIA ROMAN FORT



I am pleased to see that Mrs Clamp's class have had lovely weather on their visit to Arbeia Roman Fort.

I am sure they will have had a fabulous day!

Hopefully, next week we may be able to share some of their experiences with you.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES



This week's attendance figures are:

Reception—84.4%, 1D—96.9%, 2L—84.5%, 3D— 92.5%, 4C—91.6%, 5W—93.5% and 6C—77.6%

The attendance prize was won this week by Mrs Davison's class! Our whole school attendance is 88.6%! This is well below our target of 95%. I am sure I can rely on your continued support in improving our attendance.

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

SUN PROTECTION



As the spell of hot, sunny weather continues can I please remind parents to ensure children are wearing sun protection when they come to school.

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

All children should come to school wearing a sun hat and have a water bottle with them at all times to avoid dehydration.

MULTICULTURAL WEEK

As you will already be aware next week we are holding a Multicultural week.



If you have not already done so please complete and return the reply slip from the Multicultural Week letter indicating the events you would like to attend.

AND FINALLY.....

I am sure the weather is going to lovely this weekend.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Head Teacher