

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 21st September 2007

### INSTALLATION OF NEW BOILER

First of all I would like to thank everyone for their support in ensuring that children are kept well away from where work is continuing in the infant yard.

The work is expected to last approximately six weeks.

Hopefully, once the work is completed the school will be lovely and warm over the winter months!

### VISITING ARTIST WORKS WITH YEAR 6 CHILDREN.....

This week Year 6 have worked with visiting artist, Cath Walshaw, to produce a fabulous South Asian patterned silk banner as part of the SAMA festival. Some of our children will be going to the final procession on Sunday at the Quayside.

I am sure they will have a fabulous time!

### TESCO SPORTS VOUCHERS FOR SCHOOLS

Just to let you know that we are currently collecting Tesco Sports Vouchers for Schools. If you have any vouchers please send them into school and pass them onto the class teacher.

### CLASS TARGET

This week classes 5JC, 6F and 2L achieved their class target this week and enjoyed a reward.

### BOOK SALE

On Friday, 28th September, we will be holding a book sale in school at 10.30am. The Book Sale will be held in the Junior Hall. All books will cost 20p and the proceeds will be used to continue improvements to the school library.

Can you please support the school in this event.



### ROAD SAFETY

On Thursday, 27th September, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have a visit from the Road Safety Team who will discuss road safety with them.



### PHOTOGRAPHER IN SCHOOL

On Wednesday, 26th September, the photographer will be in school taking photographs of children from Nursery to Year 6.

We will also be taking photographs of babies and toddlers.

You will receive a letter on Monday giving details of the arrangements in place for Wednesday.

### REMINDER.....

I would like to remind parents that children are not allowed to wear trainers for school.

Can you please ensure that your child wears a sensible pair of school shoes at all times.

### **ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

This weeks attendance figures are: Reception—94.4%, 1E—92.3%, 2L— 94.6%, 3R—95.5%, 4O—96.6%, 5JC—96.5%, 5KC—97.1%, 6D—91.7% and 6F—96.2%.

The attendance prize was won by Mr Cradock's class . Our whole school attendance is 94.98% which is just below our school target of 95%. We will continue to monitor the situation to improve our attendance.

Can I remind parents that school attendance is severely affected by children taking holidays during the school year. Whenever, possible can you please arrange holidays to coincide with school holidays.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

We will be holding elections to select children for our School Council.

The School Council plays a vital role in school. Their opinion is sought on many issues.

The School Council also raise funds for the school. They are also responsible for supporting a child called Rima who lives in Africa.

If your child is interested can they please see Mr Cradock.

### **PLEASE CALL IN...**

Your children have now completed three full weeks of this academic year. I am sure they have all settled in well with their new teachers.

Please remember if there is anything at all you are concerned about I am usually available to discuss the matter with you. If I am not available an appointment can be made for me to meet with you.

### **FRIENDS OF BLAYDON WEST MEETING**

A meeting of the Friends of Blaydon West will be held on Tuesday, 25th September between 2.45pm-3.15pm in the school library to discuss the Halloween Disco and the possibility of organising a Christmas Fayre.

For any parents new to the school every parent/ carer of a child in Blaydon West is automatically a member of the Friends of Blaydon West. Meetings are very informal and everyone is more than welcome.

Any help from parents/carers is warmly welcomed. If you would like to get involved please contact the School Office who will pass your details onto Friends of Blaydon West Committee members.



### **SWALWELL COMMUNITY FIRE STATION OPEN DAY**

Swalwell Community Fire Station are holding an open day on Saturday, 22nd September between 11.00am and 3.00pm. The day will begin with a fire fighting demonstration by Green Watch and Swalwell Young Firefighters at 11.00am. Children will be invited to wear the gear, be able to tour the station and see live fire demos. There will also be a BBQ, cake stall, face painting and games.

### **BAGS TO SCHOOL**

Can you please return your bags to school on Monday and Tuesday. Bags will be collected on Wednesday.

### **AND FINALLY**

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