

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 22nd May 2009

### A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CHILDREN AFTER HALF-TERM

On Monday, 8th June Blaydon West will be hosting a community event. We are holding an Edwardian Fayre in school between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. All members of the local community are welcome to attend.

This is the first event in our Centenary celebrations and ties in with Blaydon Races Festival week.

We would like the children to come to the Fayre dressed in period costume. Please do not go out of your way to buy costumes. This is an opportunity for you to help your child to make a costume over the half-term holiday.

It is suggested that the boys wear a shirt and tie, trousers or shorts, with a waistcoat and the girls wear a dress with a white apron and mop cap.

#### HEAD LICE

Several parents, from different year groups, have recently come into school to let me know that their children have had head lice.



Can I please remind parents to check children's hair on a regular basis. If head lice or nits are found appropriate action should be taken to eradicate the problem.

After the half-term holiday I will be issuing guidance on how to prevent and treat head lice. This information has been received from the School Nurse, who can be contacted if you need any further advice.

In the meantime, to prevent further problems, can you please ensure long hair is tied back at all times in school. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

As the end of the summer term approaches I would like to let parents of children in Year 6 know that I have arranged for the school photographer to come into school on Tuesday, 2nd June to take our Year 6 leavers' photograph.

Can parents please try to ensure all Year 6 children attend school on this day and also that they are wearing full school uniform.

This photograph is a wonderful reminder of the friends children have made at Blaydon West and is a memento they will keep for many years. Once I have information about the cost of the photograph I will let you know.



### SPANISH VISITORS TO SCHOOL

On Wednesday, 3rd June, we will be welcoming our Spanish visitors into school.

The children will have the opportunity to show the children around our school and also to take part in organised activities.

As part of the day our children will be learning a Spanish song and they will be trying to teach the Spanish children the words to the Blaydon Races! I am sure they will have a great day.

It will be nice to welcome Mr Cradock back to school for the day. Mr Cradock has strong links with the Spanish school. As Mr Cradock is fluent in Spanish he will be on hand to help with any communication problems!



### ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception— 90.7%, 1B—90.7%, 2W— 94.5%, 3L— 91.8%, 4C— 93.6%, 5D—94.4% 6C—94.0% and 6F—95.2%.

The attendance prize was again won by Miss Ford's class! Our whole school attendance is 93.48% which is well below our school target of 96%. With your help we will continue to work to improve our attendance

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

### UNIFORM ORDERS

Can I remind parents that uniform orders placed after 5th June cannot be guaranteed for delivery for September.

If you need uniform can you please place your orders before this date? Order will be placed after this date, however, we cannot guarantee you will receive your order.

### DRUG AWARENESS SESSIONS

Catherine Edmunds, from the Salvation Army, is coming into school in June to deliver four free drug awareness sessions. The course is being run in conjunction with the drugs charity, Hope, who will be talking to each class next term about the dangers of drugs, including tobacco and alcohol.

Parents will be given advice on how to talk to your children about drugs, what drugs do to your body and how to encourage children to stay drug free.

This will all take place in a relaxed, informal, setting. There will be games, coffee and biscuits. Please don't be put off if you smoke or drink yourself, this doesn't matter.

You will receive a letter after the half-term holiday giving you options of the times the course can be arranged for. We have decided to offer evening sessions to allow parents who work the chance to attend.

If you are interested in the course, can you please complete the letter, and return it to school indicating your preferred time. Once we have ascertained the time most suitable for parents I will let you know when the sessions will take place.



### AND FINALLY.....

I am sure you will all have remembered that school closes at 3.20pm today and does not re-open until Monday, 1st June.

I hope you all have a wonderful week off! I look forward to seeing you all back after the holiday when I hope we will see some lovely summer weather before the end of term.

Head Teacher