

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 23rd January 2009

PARENTS MEETING WITH IEB AND SHADOW GOVERNING BODY

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the meeting earlier this week. The Chair of the IEB, Jean McKay, and the Chair of the Shadow Governing Body, Jill Chaplin, will be writing to you soon with a summary of the issues discussed at the meeting.

Can I please remind parents that if you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact either your child's class teacher or myself.

PARENT SUPPORT WORKER — HELEN CURRY

Helen Curry, our Parent Support Worker, will be in school every Thursday morning from 8.55am. She is based in the Breakfast Club room. Please feel free to 'drop-in' for a cup of tea or coffee to discuss any concerns or issues you may have. Helen has contacts with people from a wide range of agencies and services, including the school nurse, health professionals etc. She will be able to point you in the right direction for any help or support you may need.

Helen has arranged for Jenny Ritson, who is one of the Health Trainers for Gateshead, to attend the session on Thursday 29th January to promote Farmhouse Breakfast week. Jenny will be available to give advice on the benefits of eating a healthy breakfast for you and your family and offer recipe ideas. This is also an opportunity to discuss any further concerns you may have around healthy eating and to put your ideas forward for future sessions. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire I gave out. It is not too late to return them if you haven't already done so as your views are greatly valued.

FRIENDS OF BLAYDON WEST

The Friends of Blaydon West are meeting on Thursday 29th of January at 3.20pm in the SCHOOL LIBRARY. We intend to adopt the NCPTA constitution which will enable us to apply for funding and grants to help develop a number of projects in school.

Later this term we intend to hold a film night for children and their families. More details to follow.

PLEASE COME ALONG TO THE MEETING IF YOU CAN AND HELP TO SUPPORT THE FRIENDS OF BLAYDON WEST- EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Further to my letter to you earlier this week I would like to remind you we will be holding two meetings in school on Monday, 2nd February at 2.45pm and 5.30pm to discuss ideas and suggestions you may have to help make our school centenary celebrations a spectacular celebration not only for the children in school but also for the Blaydon community.

DOCTOR/DENTIST APPOINTMENTS

Can I please ask parents to make appointments for Doctors/Dentists outside of school hours wherever possible.

I would appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

CAN I REMIND PARENTS AND PUPILS.....

In September 2008 we introduced a no jewellery policy, in line with Ryton Comprehensive and other feeder schools, on the grounds of Health and Safety. During last term we did give permission for some children, who had their ears pierced in the summer holidays, to wear earrings in the short term.

However, it has been brought to my attention that a number of children are still wearing earrings. As from next week we intend to enforce the policy more rigorously and will ask children to take their earrings out.

Please can I ask you to ensure that your children do not wear earrings for school.

OUR PARENT SUPPORT WORKER WILL ALSO...

be arranging for the school health visitor to come into school to discuss any health issues you may be concerned about, including head lice. You will receive further information regarding this meeting soon.



FRIDAY NEWS

I would like to apologise for the fact that the Friday News was late two weeks ago and that there was no Friday News last week. This was due to a problem with the printer and a computer system failure.

However, I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents children receive a paper copy of the Friday News every Friday. There are spare copies in the entrance hall if you do not receive a copy. A copy of the Friday News is also on display in the school notice board. Finally, the Friday News can be viewed on the school website, where older issues are also displayed.

Please use this information to keep yourselves informed about Blaydon West Primary school life.

If you still require further information please do not hesitate to call into school.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:
Reception— 92.1%, 1B— 88.4%, 2W— 91.2%, 3L— 92.1%, 4C— 90.4%, 5D— 85.4% 6C—94.0% and 6F—92.1%

The attendance prize was won by Miss Collin's/Mrs Champion's class! Our whole school attendance is 90.7% which is well below our school target. With your help we will continue to work to improve our attendance

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

YEAR 6 VISIT TO RYTON COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Year 6 will be visiting Ryton Comprehensive School on Monday, 26th January as part of the transition programme into secondary schools. We will be using public transport to and from the school.

The cost of public transport is 40p each way if your child has a bus pass and 80p each way without a pass. Can you please ensure your child brings their bus fare to school on Monday.

YEAR 3 VISIT TO LIBRARY AND GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

Miss Lewin's class have enjoyed a visit to Blaydon Library this week. They have also carried our Geography research in the local area following on from their exciting visit to The Angel of the North and Saltwell Park as part of their Geography studies.

I would like to congratulate the children on their excellent behaviour on both of these trips.



LOST PROPERTY

A number of cardigans and jumpers have been lost, particularly in Key Stage 1. Can you please check items of uniform to ensure that your child has their sweatshirts and not some-one else's.

AND FINALLY....

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Bailey'.

Head Teacher

