

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 23rd October 2009



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



I am sure you will already be aware, but this is just to remind you, that school closes at 3.20pm this afternoon for the half-term holiday and re-opens on Monday, 2nd November at 8.55am.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY to thank all of the children and staff who have worked so hard to produce what everyone agreed was a spectacular performance.

I am sure you will realise how difficult it is for children to have the confidence to get onto the stage and perform and speak in front of a large group of people.

All of the children from Reception to Year 6 made me feel very privileged to be Head Teacher at Blaydon West Primary School. I can honestly say I do not think there is another school who could have made parents, carers and friends feel so proud of all of their achievements.

I would like to thank you all for supporting our recent events. It has been wonderful to see not only members of the school community visiting the school but also members of the wider community.

We are finally coming to the end of this term's celebrations. However, there will be other events to celebrate our centenary year.

I am sure I can rely on your continued support.



A POLITE REQUEST

Can I please ask Year 1 parents to allow their children to line up on the yard and go into school with their classmates.

Our aim is to encourage children to become independent from an early age. Please be assured that if any child is struggling to remove their coat, or find their peg, a member of school staff will assist.

VISITS AFTER HALF-TERM

I would like to remind parents of the following trips taking place the week after the half-term holiday:

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| Tuesday, 3rd November | — | Year 6 visit to Cragside |
| Tuesday, 3rd November | — | Year 5 visit to Broxfield farm (Evacuation experience) |
| Wednesday, 4th November | — | Year 4 visit to Durham Cathedral |

Can I please remind parents that, in order for children to participate in these trips, consent forms must be returned to school.

If you have not already done so can you please return the consent forms to school by Monday, 2nd November. Failure to return the consent form may result in your child not being able to take part in the trip.



NURSERY BOOK DRAW

The winner of this week's book draw is Faye Johnson. Congratulations to Faye!



A total of £7.60 has been raised this week. Well done!

With your help we can continue to raise money to buy new books for the Nursery children to develop their love of literacy and reading.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN NURSERY

On Monday, 2nd November a member of the Oral Health Team from South Tyneside PCT will be coming into school at 9.00am to talk to parents about oral hygiene.

From 9.30am she will be talking to the children about how to keep their teeth healthy. Parents are welcome to stay during this time.

We hope to see you there!



ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception— 80.8%, 1D—89.4%, 2L— 75.4%, 3D— 94.8%, 4C—94.8%, 5W—85.7% and 6F—94.1%

The attendance prize was won by Mrs Clamp's class and Miss Donnelly's class! Our whole school attendance is 87.8% which is still below our school target. I realise there is a lot of illness at this time of year, however, with your help we will continue to work to improve our attendance

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



JUST TO REMIND EVERYONE

British Summer Time officially ends this weekend!

This means all clocks need to go back an hour.

I am sure you will really be looking forward to the dark nights before Christmas!



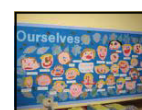
RECEPTION ADMISSION FORMS FOR SEPTEMBER 2010

Can I remind parents that the closing date for accepting admission forms for Reception for 2010 is Friday, 6th November.

Failure to submit your application by this date can jeopardise your chances of securing a place in the school of your choice.

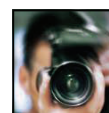
Applications can be made online or by completing an application form.

If you require a further copy of the form please call to the school office.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

You will already have received a copy of your child/ren's school photograph.



I am sure you will agree they are fabulous!

Can I please ask you to place your orders in the envelope provided. Deposit the envelope in the black secure boxes. Two are located in the Key Stage 1 building and two are located in the Key Stage 2 building. **Please do not hand envelopes to class teachers.**

All orders must be received in school by Friday, 6th November at the latest.

I am afraid that orders brought into school after this date will not be developed as the photographer will only come into school once to collect the orders.

AND FINALLY

I hope everyone has a wonderful half term holiday!



Head Teacher

