

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 23rd November 2007

BOOK FAYRE

I am pleased to let you know that the Book Fayre has arrived in school this afternoon and will be open from Monday morning. As stated in the letter you have already received the Book Fayre is open between 8.30am and 8.55am in the morning and between 3.20pm and 3.45pm in the afternoon. If you would like to pay by cheque can you please make the cheque payable to "Blaydon West Primary School".

We have decided to hold an informal coffee morning in school on Tuesday morning between 8.30am and 9.30am where we will be serving tea, coffee and sweet mince pies! Please use this as an opportunity for you to take a look at the books available. As I have said in previous Newsletters this is an excellent opportunity for you to purchase Christmas presents. The books are very reasonably priced and any commission we make will go into school funds to help keep the cost of trips etc at a minimum.

ALTERNATIVE PHONE NUMBER....

Some parents have commented that they are experiencing problems when trying to ring school.

If you cannot contact school on the usual number you can use our fax number. This is 0191 4990680.

Can I take this opportunity to remind parents to ring school on the first day of a child's absence to confirm why the child is absent and their expected return date. It is also school policy for a written note to be sent into school with your child on the day they return.

FANCY DRESS DAY!!!!

As mentioned last week we are having a fancy dress day next week to coincide with the Book Fayre. Can you please dress your child as a character from their favourite book. There will be a prize for a child from each class for the most inventive costume!

I hope both you and your children enjoy making costumes over the weekend!

NEWCASTLE UNITED TICKETS

Today is the final day for 100% attenders to have the opportunity to win the Newcastle United Tickets. However, to further encourage children to achieve 100% attendance we will be offering further prizes for children with 100% attendance up to the Christmas Holidays.

We will be holding a special assembly in school on Tuesday morning at 10.15am where every child who has achieved 100% attendance will have their name put into a hat and a winner will be selected.

Good luck to all of the children whose names will be going into the draw!

JOLLY PHONICS SESSIONS

Mrs McGuire is continuing to hold her Jolly Phonics sessions in school on Thursday afternoon at 3.00pm. She would like to thank all of the parents who have attended so far and would welcome any other parents who would like to join in.

BLAYDON YOUTH CLUB CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Catherine Edmunds from Blaydon Youth Club has asked me to let you all know that they will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 1st December between 10.00am and 12.00pm.

Everyone is welcome. Please try and offer some support for this event. All proceeds raised will go towards funding new equipment etc for the Youth Club.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:
Reception— 93.3%, 1E— 92.3%, 2L-91.5%, 3R-94.8%, 4O—93.1%, 5JC—92%, 5KC—93.3%, 6D—92.5% and 6F— 95.9%

The attendance prize was won by Mrs Ford's class. Our whole school attendance is 93.18% which is below our school target of 95% We will continue to monitor the situation to improve our attendance.

A REQUEST FOR CUDDLY TOYS FROM THE FRIENDS OF BLAYDON WEST

The Friends of Blaydon West would like donations of cuddly toys for the Tombola stall at the Christmas Fayre.

Can you please send any unwanted and unloved cuddly toys into school next week so that we can ensure we have enough cuddly toys to run the stall successfully!

DRAMA CLUB

Unfortunately due to other work commitments Miss Donnelly has had to rearrange the Drama Club to take place on **TUESDAY NIGHT** after school.

I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

JUST A FURTHER REMINDER OF DIARY DATES

Please find below important dates for your diary as you may need to book time off work or make arrangements to attend some of the events.

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| 3rd December | Yr 4—Educational Visit - Segedunum |
| 4th December | Yr 6—Educational Visit - Chopwell Woods |
| 7th December | Christmas Fayre—2.00pm |
| 13th December | 9.30am—KS1 Christmas Production
2.15pm—KS2 Christmas Production |
| 14th December | 9.30am—KS2 Christmas Production
2.30pm—KS1 Christmas Production |
| 17th December | Christingle Service
St Cuthbert's Church |
| 18th December | pm—Years 3 and 4
Christmas Party |
| 19th December | am—Nursery Party |
| 19th December | pm—Year 5 Christmas Party |
| 19th December | pm—Reception/Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party |
| 20th December | pm—Year 6 Christmas Party |
| 21st December | Pantomime |
| 21st December | 3.20pm—school closes for Christmas Holiday |
| 7th January 2008 | School re-opens at 8.55am |

AND FINALLY

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Please try and help your child come up with a very imaginative costume for our fancy dress day!

PAULA BAILEY
Head Teacher

