

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends



St George's Day—23rd April 2010

WELCOME BACK

First of all I would like to welcome you all back to school after the Easter Break. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. I am sure you will agree that there has been a definite improvement in the weather over the holidays and that, at last, the Spring flowers are starting to bloom!

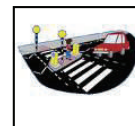
Thankfully, Blaydon West has not been affected by the air ban to a great extent!

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Miss Simpson to our school. Miss Simpson is teaching our year 6 children. I am sure both parents and children will make Miss Simpson feel very welcome in our school.



PEDESTRIAN TRAINING

Miss Donnelly has asked me to remind parent volunteers that road safety training begins on Monday, 26th April.



VISITS TO THE CITY LEARNING CENTRE

Yesterday and today children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have had the opportunity to visit the CLC. The session covered was Literacy Blog Pirates.



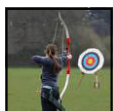
The children had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.

KINGSWOOD VISIT

Today is the start of our residential visit to Kingswood. The children are all really excited. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to form and maintain friendship bonds and to learn about team working. Most of all it is about having fun!

I am sure that both the children and the staff accompanying them will have a fabulous time.

Any parents wishing to collect their child on their return will be able to pick them up at 2.00pm approximately.



DISNEYLAND PARIS INCENTIVE

Can I take this opportunity to remind parents about the incentive to raise attendance throughout Gateshead. The Education Welfare Service is offering all children with 100% attendance and punctuality between Monday, 19th April and Friday, 9th July the opportunity to be entered into a draw to win a break for a family of four to Disneyland Paris. Let us hope someone from our school wins the prize!



VISITS PLANNED FOR NEXT WEEK

The remaining children in Year 5 and Year 6 who are not attending the visit to Kingswood have been invited by Newcastle University to spend a day at the University.



This is aimed at raising children's aspirations and also to let them see what life at University is like. They will be working with current University students.

I am sure they will have a fantastic day!

MISS LEWIN...

has asked me to let parents of Year 2 children know that her class will be going to Shibdon Pond on Tuesday morning. If any parent is available to accompany her on this visit please let her know.



SCHOOL DINNERS

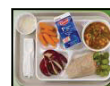
Further to the letter you have already received, can I please remind parents that it is now no longer possible for children to change from dinners to packed lunches during the week.

However, children can still change between packed lunch and dinners on a weekly basis.

If your child has a school dinner or a packed lunch on Monday this will be their dinner pattern for the remainder of the week.

This is to ensure that the kitchen is given the correct information in order to prepare school meals.

Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 5th May | Year 2, Felton Farm |
| 19th May | Year 5, Washington Old Hall |
| Wb 24th May | Health and Safety Week |
| 28th May | Half Term—school closes
3.20pm |
| 7th June | Back to school—school opens
8.55am |
| 8th June | Blaydon Races Fayre |
| 14th June | Photograph—class photos and
Sports Teams |
| 28th June | Year 6 Transition Week—Ryton
Comp |
| 28th June-
4th July | My Money Week |
| 5th July | Multi-Cultural Week |



ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:



Reception— 87.5%, 1D—98.5%, 2L— 97.7%, 3D— 93%, 4C—93%, 5W—94.8% and 6C—96.5%

The attendance prize was won this week by Mrs Davison's class! Our whole school attendance is 94.4%! Many thanks for all of your efforts in improving our attendance. I am sure I can rely on your continued support in improving our attendance.

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

NOTE

We are now taking orders for school uniform for September.

AND FINALLY

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

M Bailey

Head Teacher