

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 24th April 2009

Centenary celebrations

I would like to welcome everyone back after the Easter holidays to what, I am sure, will be another busy term for everyone.

This term we will be continuing our preparations for our Centenary celebrations.

The friends of Blaydon West are holding a meeting on 5th May at 3.30 in school to discuss and plan events. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CAN I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND YOU OF THE PROCEDURES IN PLACE FOR PAYMENTS FOR TRIPS

To ensure we comply with recommendations from the Auditor can I please ask you to place your child's payment and consent form for trips in a white trip envelope (you will receive an envelope with the trip letter) or you can pick one up from the school office.

The envelope should then be deposited in the black secure boxes. There are two in each building. This allows office staff to collect the money at a convenient time to ensure all money is recorded correctly.

Please do not give money to your child's class teacher.

If you need any help in locating the boxes please ask a

HOPEFULLY we will continue to see the improvement in the weather. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that in hot and sunny weather your child needs to bring a sun hat to school.

Can you also please ensure that you put sun protection on your child to avoid your child getting burned.

Many thanks.



USE OF FOUL LANGUAGE ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES

Once again I have received complaints from several parents about the use of foul language by a **small minority** of parents on the school premises.

I have taken advice from Legal Department who have advised me that anyone caught using offensive language on the school yard will be initially banned from the premises for a short length of time.

If, after a short ban, the situation is not resolved then the ban will become permanent.

Can you please respect parents and children waiting on our school yard.

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

MRS WATSON'S class are going to St Mary's Island next Wednesday in support of their topic on Islands. The children will be going rock pooling and they will have the opportunity to have a look around the lighthouse.



SCHOOL EVENTS THIS WEEK

On Wednesday our Year 1 children had a wonderful day at the Sea Life Centre. The children were able to observe marine life and even got to feel some of the fish!

Some of our Year 6 and Year 5 children are very excited today and looking forward to their visit to Kingswood which takes place over the weekend. I am sure they will be able to give us some wonderful feedback on next week's Newsletter. I hope the weather stays fine and that Miss Ford, Miss Donnelly, Miss Lewin and all of the children participating enjoy their weekend experience!

UNIFORM

I am sure many of you will be thinking about ordering school uniform for September. I realise this seems a long way off but to avoid the last minute rush we are now placing orders.

Once we have a final date for placing orders from the manufacturer I will let you know.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception— 91.0%, 1B—90.9%, 2W— 94.2%, 3L— 92.3%,
4C— 93.7%, 5D—94.2% 6C—93.5% and 6F—94.9% .

The attendance prize was won by Miss Ford's class! Our whole school attendance is 93.08% which is well below our school target. 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.

