

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 25th September 2009



### AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN OUR CENTENARY CELEBRATION VISIT TO BEAMISH

Children from Reception to Year 6 will today have received a letter regarding the above visit which takes place on Thursday, 15th October. I am sure both the children and adults who accompany us will have a wonderful experience learning about our Victoria heritage.

Parents/Carers are welcome to take part in the visit, however, in order for us to arrange buses, we need to know how many adults would like to come. Please complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible.

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

### 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.

MISS DONNELLY would like to thank all of the parents who accompanied her on her visit to Blaydon Precinct this morning.

Help from Parents/Carers is always greatly appreciated, especially on walks around the local area. Without this help many of the trips cannot take place.

Please feel free to approach the class teacher if your child is going on a school trip and you think you will be able to help.

Many thanks for your continued support!



MRS McGUIRE would like to invite Reception parents to take part in her Jolly Phonics Sessions on Thursday afternoons at 3.00pm.

Parents who have attended these sessions in previous years have found them invaluable when helping their children learn to read.

The sessions are very informal. If you have the time please come along and join your children.

### AN APOLOGY

Last week I told you that you would receive a Data Collection Sheet this week to amend any contact details that have changed.

Unfortunately, we have a technical problem with the printer in the office and cannot print off the Data Collection Sheets.

Once the problem has been rectified the sheets will be sent home.

**PLAY EQUIPMENT IN THE INFANT YARD**

Can I take this opportunity to remind parents not to allow children to play on the equipment in the Infant Yard.

This equipment is set up each day as a learning area for the Foundation Stage children. If other children are allowed to play on the equipment this can result in damage and result in school staff having to spend extra time setting up the equipment for Nursery and Reception children use.

I appreciate your help with this matter.



**ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

This week's attendance figures are:  
Reception— 91.2%, 1D—92.4%, 2L— 87.9%, 3D— 90.4%,  
4C— 93.6%, 5W—89.3% and 6F—82.4%

The attendance prize was won by Mrs Clamp's class! Our whole school attendance is 89.6% which is well below our school target. With your help we will continue to work to improve our attendance

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



**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Tuesday, 13th October	School Photographer
Wednesday, 14th October	Tea Dance—members of the community invited
Thursday, 15th October	Beamish Visit
Tuesday, 20th October—pm	Whole School Production—Blaydon West through the decades
Wednesday, 21st October	Edwardian School Day experience (all children to dress up as Edwardian School Children). Parents invited into school to take part in activities throughout the day.
Friday, 23rd October—am	Whole School Production—Blaydon West through the decades
Friday, 23th October	Half-term holiday
Monday, 2nd November	School Re-opens
Monday, 9th and	Parents' Evening
Tuesday, 10th November	Parents' Evening
Monday, 16th November	Anti-Bullying Week
	Geordie Night or Afternoon—Date to be confirmed

Further details will be sent to you regarding these events nearer the time.

**BLAYDON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**HOLIDAY DATES 2009-2010**

School Closes - 3.20pm

School Re-opens - 8.55am

Autumn Term		Tuesday, 8th September 2009
Autumn Half-Term Holiday	Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2009	Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2009
Christmas Holiday	Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2009	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2010
Spring Half-Term Holiday	Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2010	Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2010
Easter Holiday	Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2010	Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2010
Summer Half-Term Holiday	Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2010
Summer Holidays	Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2010	

In addition to the above dates school will be closed to pupils on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2010 (May Day Bank Holiday). **Two additional days will be notified later for teacher training days. One occasional day will be utilised for the purpose of closure in the event of Government elections. Any changes to the above dates will be notified as and when they occur.**