

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 26th September 2008

### FRIENDS OF BLAYDON WEST

I would like to inform you that the Friends of Blaydon West are holding a meeting on Wednesday, 1st October at 2.45pm in the staffroom to discuss arrangements for holding a Christmas Fayre.

The Friends of Blaydon West work hard to organise events to raise money for the school for the benefit of all children in school.

We would like to encourage as many parents as possible to get involved to help organise events.

If you would like to help please come along to the meeting. However, if you are unable to attend the meeting, but would still like to help, please call to the school office to pass on your details.

If you work but would like still like to have the opportunity to be involved with the Friends of Blaydon West please let us know and, if there are enough people interested, we will look into the possibility of organising a meeting one evening.

### CAN I JUST REMIND PARENTS...

If your child is late for school you must report to the school office so that their attendance can be recorded. This is major health and safety issue because if an emergency occurred in school it is vital that the registers are completed accurately.

There have been several instances where Key Stage 1 parents have been knocking on the windows to get someone to open the doors. This is not acceptable as it is disrupting the teaching and learning of children already in the classroom.

We would appreciate your co-operation in ensuring your child arrives at school by 8.55am.

### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN YEAR 2

Mrs Watson will be attending a residential management course between Wednesday, 1st and Friday, 3rd October.

During this time Mrs Dobson, who the children are already familiar with, will be taking her class for the three days.

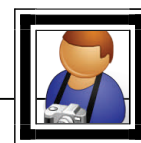
### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

I would like to let you know that the School Photographer will be in school on Monday, 6th October.

You will receive a letter next week informing you of the arrangements in place when the photographer is in school.

Can you please complete the form at the bottom of the letter and return it to school.

Please place the returned forms in the black secure boxes placed around the school.



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

There were two misprints on last Friday's Newsletter relating to school closures.

The first related to one of the Staff Development Days—the correct date is **Monday, 3rd November 2008**

The second related to the date the school breaks up for the summer holidays—the correct date is **Friday, 17th July 2009**

An additional staff training day has been added—This date is **Monday, 5th January 2009**.

OOPS!

**REMINDER ABOUT TRIP MONEY ETC**

Can I remind parents that money for school trips etc should be put into a white money envelope (available from outside of the school office).

As you will appreciate there are times when we have a number of trips taking place at the same time. For audit purposes money needs to be accurately recorded and the only way we can ensure this happens is to insist money is received in school in the relevant envelope.

Many thanks for your help in this matter.



**MRS STOREY HAS ASKED ME TO ASK YOU...**

to collect tokens from Flora. Flora are currently running a promotion to supply cooking utensils for schools.

The tokens are on the inside wrapper in the tubs of Flora. Can you please send clean tokens into school.

With your support we hope collect many tokens to enable us to exchange them for cooking utensils to be used when children are cooking in school.

**MRS McGUIRE** would, once again, like to invite Reception parents to the phonics session being held next Thursday at 3.00pm in her classroom.

The session Mrs McGuire held yesterday was very well attended and the parents thoroughly enjoyed the session.

She would like to extend a warm welcome to any other parents wishing to attend.



**ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

This week's attendance figures are:  
Reception—90.0%, 1B— 92.2%, 2W-97.0%, 3L-84.4%, 4C—94.0%, 5D—88.4%, 6C— 95.5% and 6F— 95.3%

The attendance prize was won by Mrs Watson's class. Our whole school attendance is 92.1% which is below our school target of 95%. Let us work hard next week to raise our attendance!

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



**AND FINALLY**

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend!

Paula Bailey  
Head Teacher

**BLAYDON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL—HOLIDAY DATES 2008-2009**

	School Closes—3.20pm	School Re-opens—8.55am
Autumn Half-Term Holiday	Friday, 24th October 2008	Monday, 3rd November 2008
Christmas Holiday	Friday, 19th December 2008	Tuesday, 6th January 2009
Spring Half-Term Holiday	Friday, 13th February 2009	Monday, 23rd February 2009
Easter Holiday	Friday, 3rd April 2009	Monday, 20th April 2009
Summer Half-Term Holiday	Friday, 22nd May 2009	Monday, 1st June 2009
Summer Holidays	Friday, 17th July 2009	

In addition to the above dates the school will be closed to pupils on Monday, 4th May 2009 (May Day Bank Holiday). Two additional dates will be notified later for teacher training days.