

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 27th March 2009

BLAYDON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL GREAT EASTER EGG COMPETITION!



Once again this year we are holding an Easter Egg Competition. Any children wishing to take part in the competition has until Tuesday to bring their decorated eggs into school.

We are hoping to ask the Reverend Thorp from St Cuthbert's Church, who will be delivering an assembly in school on Wednesday, to judge the entrants.

The eggs will be on display in the lower school hall for parents to view. I am sure we will have some fantastic displays as usual.

Good luck to all of the children taking part. We will let you know the names of the winners on next week's Newsletter.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Can parents please note that the cost of school meals is increasing by 5p per day from Monday. School meals will cost £1.80 per day (£9.00 per week).

Can you please ensure your child has enough money on their account to cover the cost of their meals.

MRS STOREY has asked me to remind parents that Nursery will not open until Wednesday, 22nd April to allow Home Visits for our new Nursery children to be carried out.

I would like to point out that this is standard procedure to allow the Nursery staff to get to know children in their home environment before they make their transition into Nursery.

As the school operates three Nursery admissions in a year this procedure is carried out after the Summer Holidays, Christmas Holidays and the Easter Holidays.

I understand this may cause inconvenience for some parents but I am sure you will support the school in our aim of helping our new starters settle into school life!

Mrs Storey would also like to let parents know that Nursery will be visiting the City Learning Centre at the Watermark, Metrocentre on Thursday between 9.00am and 11.30am. We have a limited amount of places for parent helpers. If anyone is interested please let Mrs Storey know.

FLORA COOKING WITH SCHOOLS

We are once again collecting tokens for free cooking equipment for schools in conjunction with Flora. The project allows schools to collect tokens for cooking equipment to teach children how to cook healthy meals in schools. The project was a huge success in 2008, therefore, we have the opportunity to take part again this year.

Tokens can be found on the coverleaf of special packs of Flora in stores from the beginning of March to the end of July. Just one large pack of Flora could give the school £1.00 to spend on items of our choice, from cooking utensils to a portable oven!

Please remember to tell your friends and family about this project in the hope that, they too, will support us!

I will let you know at some time in the future what we have managed to secure with your support.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:

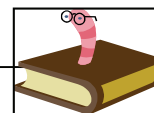
Reception— 90.6%, 1B— 79.8%, 2W— 87.0%, 3L— 95.7%, 4C— 91.8%, 5D— 94.7% 6C—88.7% and 6F—96.5%

The attendance prize was won by Miss Ford's class! Our whole school attendance is 90.6% 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Jorja Allen from Nursery who won last week's book draw. This week we raised £5.60 towards buying new books for the Nursery. I am sure your children will all be enjoying the new books we have already purchased. Please continue to support us to enable us to provide the children with stimulating, exciting books for them to develop a love of reading!



NORTHUMBRIA IN BLOOM WINNERS

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded with certificates from Northumbria in Bloom:

Rosemary Plummer—for her handwriting
Harriet Marshall—for her artwork
Adam Biggins—for his artwork

Well done also to Rosemary who won First Prize for her artwork and Nathan Bradshaw who won Second Prize for his artwork submission.

AND FINALLY

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend!

Please don't forget to move your clocks forward an hour this weekend!



NICOLA WATSON
Deputy Head Teacher

Thank you for your support and feedback from the Spring Term Curriculum Overviews you have recently received. Your comments were very helpful.

I would like to let you know that you will receive the Summer Term Curriculum Overview on Monday.

The Curriculum Overviews will be available from Tuesday on the Blaydon West Website.

CAN I PLEASE REMIND PARENTS THAT SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAY ON FRIDAY, 3RD APRIL AT 3.20PM AND RE-OPENS FOR THE SUMMER TERM ON MONDAY, 20TH APRIL AT 8.55AM