

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

Once again it has been a really busy week here at Blaydon West. I feel I have really become part of the school community and I am enjoying getting to know the children and families in and around the school.

Many thanks for your continuous support.

TENNIS COACHING

I would like to let you know that there will be tennis coaching sessions for Year 3 and 4 children for ten weeks commencing on Thursday, 3rd May, between 3.30pm and 4.30pm.

The cost for each session is £1.00. This can be paid for on a weekly basis, or in full. Children will be required to wear a PE kit. If your child would like to participate please see Mrs Roberts for a letter.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our Cross Country team took part in an event held at Whickham last night. The children did extremely well. We would like to offer our congratulations to all who took part.

TAG RUGBY

The Year 5 children are taking part in a Tag Rugby Tournament at Newcastle Falcons Rugby Ground on Saturday. Can parents please meet at the Rugby Ground at Kingston Park at 11.00am. There will be 20 teams taking part in the tournament. Staff from the Newcastle Falcons have been working with the Year 5 children to improve their tag rugby skills. The tournament is the children's chance to show what they have learned!

LIBRARY VISITS

Year 1 and 2 children will be visiting Blaydon Library on Thursday, 3rd May. The visits will be as follows:

1E 10.30am

1/2L 1.15pm

2F 1.45pm

We would like parent helpers to accompany us to the Library. If you can help can you please let your child's class teacher know?

ANTI-BULLYING TALKS

We have had Don Sweeney in school this week to work with the children regarding Anti-Bullying. Following on from this Don will be in school next week on Thursday, 3rd May to do some further work with KS1 children.

CLOG DANCING

A group of Year 4 Cloggies will be dancing at the Sage tomorrow lunchtime. This is a great opportunity for the children. If anyone would like to go and watch them I am sure they will put on a really good show! We hope they have a wonderful day and wish them all the best of luck.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

I will be holding a meeting next week with the School Council to discuss their views about what goes on in school and also to see what ideas they have for the future.

I believe the School Council plays a very important role in school. As class representatives, the School Councilors play an important role in ensuring that the views of all of the children in school are heard. I will be assuring them that their opinions and ideas are greatly valued.

INCIDENT RELATING TO THE SCHOOL BUS

There was an incident on Wednesday night on the school bus. A child threw a water bottle out of the window. The bottle hit a car that was travelling up Blaydon Bank. Fortunately, the driver managed to avoid contact with other vehicles, however, this incident could have been much more serious had the driver not acted quickly. Luckily there was no damage to his car but, I am sure you will appreciate, he was very shocked.

I investigated the incident and I have spoken to the child concerned. However, this has brought to my attention the problems that can arise when children are unsupervised on the school bus.

Can you please talk to your child/ren regarding safety on the school bus. If there are any more similar incidents there is the possibility that we may have to withdraw the school bus.

NEW SYSTEM TO ORDER SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are revising the way in which school uniform is ordered from school. Due to escalating costs it is no longer practicable to order large amounts of stock to keep in school.

If you want to order uniform for September 2007 can you please complete an order form and place it in a white envelope, along with your payment, before Monday, 17th May. The uniform order will be placed based on the number of items that have been ordered and paid for.

We will, of course, order a small amount of extras for emergencies, but, if your order is not placed by this date there will be no guarantee your child will have new uniform for September.

Orders, in future, will only be placed with our suppliers on a termly basis.

This is the practice in most other primary schools in the area.

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Regards.

PAULA BAILEY