

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 28th November 2008

HMI MONITORING INSPECTION

On Wednesday and Thursday this week we had our third monitoring inspection by HMI. We were extremely pleased with the positive feedback we received. The report from the visit will arrive in school shortly when it has been verified by Ofsted. However, until this time the findings are confidential. As soon as we receive the report we will make the findings available to you.

SCHOOL DISCO

I would like to thank the Friends of Blaydon West for organising the Disco on Tuesday night. I would also like to thank the helpers who made the evening a tremendous success.

The event was very well attended. I would like to congratulate the children on their excellent behaviour at the Disco. They all had a wonderful time. I would also like to thank the parents for their support in collecting the children at the end of the night.



The disco raised money to support school funds.

Once again, many thanks!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Friends of Blaydon West are holding a Bazaar on Friday, 5th December between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. They would appreciate donations for raffle prizes, a chocolate tombola, bottle tombola and cake stall.

They have also requested help from anyone who can spare a little time to help run the stalls.

If you feel you can help please contact the school office.

Many thanks.



ST JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY CENTRE CHRISTMAS PARTY

I have been asked to let parents know that St Joseph's Community Centre will be holding a Christmas Party on Sunday, 7th December between 12.00pm and 2.30pm. All children are welcome but children aged seven and under must be accompanied by an adult.

There will be a disco for the children with entertainment from a magician. Of course, Santa will be making a visit to present children with a small gift.

If you would like your child to go to the party please see Cassie Kaszefko in the school yard to purchase a ticket. Tickets cost £3.00.



ALADDIN

The Key Stage 1 children enjoyed a performance of Aladdin in school on Wednesday afternoon.

We are in the process of arranging another performance so all of the children can experience the enjoyment performers can bring to our school.

CHRISTMAS FRIENDS

We still have some penguins to sell in support of the Marie Curie charity, which I am sure you will agree is an extremely worthwhile cause.



If you would like to purchase a penguin can you please send your child into school with £1.00.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS FROM LAST FRIDAY'S COMPETITIONS!

The following children won our poetry competition:

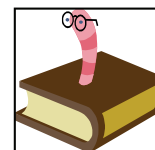
Amy Healey, Shona Bassett, Hollie Smith, Matthew McNichol, Amy Moody, Harriet Marshall, Jessica Clabby, Cheyanne Hamilton-Davies, Dylan Graham, Ross Pomeroy, Ellie Brain, Lindsay Riddell, Becky Gibson, Thomas Robson, William Marshall and Sarah Devine. The overall winner was Ellie Robson.

The following children won our Fancy Dress competition:

Kalon Laidler, Emily Oxley, Harriet Marshall, Joe Mitchell, Lauren Henderson, Paul Martin, Joe Mills and Katie Collard.

The following children won our Book Character/Book Review:

Declan Bissett, Courtney Vasey and Lindsay Riddell.



Congratulations to all of our winners who were able to choose a book from the Book Fayre as a prize!

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:

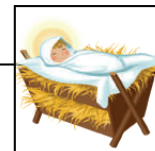
Reception— 86%, 1B— 91.4%, 2W— 95.9%, 3L— 93.2%, 4C— 95.3%, 5D— 92.6% 6C—88% and 6F—96.8%

The attendance prize was won by Miss Ford's class. Our whole school attendance is 92.4% which is just below our school target.

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.

REVEREND THORP has asked me to let you know that there has been a change to the information on the Newsletter last week.

The children's Crib Service will take place on Wednesday, 24th December at 5.00pm and not Sunday, 21st December as originally stated.



CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents of the dates of the Christmas productions to be held in school.

Wednesday, 10th December—9.10am Key Stage 2
Wednesday, 10th December—1.30pm Key Stage 1

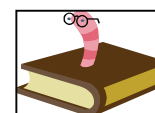
Thursday, 11th December —9.10am Key Stage 1
Thursday, 11th December —1.30pm Key Stage 2

I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the performances.

You will receive further information regarding the Christmas parties next week.

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Jodie Watkins from Nursery who won this week's book draw. This week we raised £8.60.



AND FINALLY....

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend as you start to make your preparations for Christmas!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Bailey".

Head Teacher