

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 28th March 2008

Following a very competitive Spring Bulb Show in the Blaydon area I am delighted to tell you that the following children's paintings will be going forward to the next stage of the Northumbria in Bloom Calendar Competition. The paintings will be on display at Saltwell Towers, Saltwell Park on Saturday, 18th and Sunday, 19th April during the Saltwell Park Show.

### WINNERS

Donald Taylor, Rosemary Plummer, Jonathan Kirtley and Carter Brown.

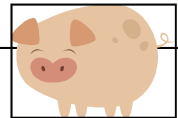
It would be lovely for parents and children to visit the display!

**A FAMILY CEILIDH** in aid of Blaydon West Primary School.....

Will be held on Saturday, 17th May 2008 between 7.00pm and 10.00pm at Blaydon and District Club, Garden Street, Blaydon. Tickets cost £5.00 per adult and £3.00 per child. A light buffet will be served.

### NURSERY VISIT

The Nursery children will be visiting Bill Quay Farm on Thursday, 3rd April. This visit is to coincide with an animal topic the children have been doing in school. Can you please ensure that your child is suitably dressed for cold, wet weather!



### BLAYDON ARTS GROUP—BLAYDON BRICK PROJECT

Just a reminder to let you know that the Friends of Blaydon Burn are holding an event on 5th April between 10.00am and 12.30pm where children will be able to take photographs and learn about the history of Blaydon Burn.

You will already have received a letter about this event, however, there are still places available if you would like your child to take part.

Please contact the school if you are interested.

### INCREASE IN COST OF SCHOOL MEALS

The price of school meals is being increased by 5p per day to £1.75 per day (£8.75 per week) from Monday 31st March 2008.

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

### HMI MONITORING REPORT

You will have today received a copy of the HMI Monitoring Report. Everyone in school is really pleased with the progress made so far and we are delighted that all of the hard work carried out so far has been recognised!

### POLITE REMINDER

I would, once again, ask parents to arrange appointments outside of school hours wherever possible.

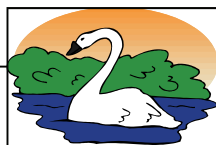
We are still experiencing problems with a few parents bringing children into school late on a morning and being picked up late in an afternoon. I am sure you will appreciate that this causes disruption not only to your child's learning but also to the other children in the class.

**TRIP TO SHIBDON POND**

Miss Lewin's class had a very successful visit to Shibdon Pond on Wednesday as part of their nature topic.

The children were able to see wildlife and observe birds around the pond area.

Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who helped with the trip.



**ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception— 88.9%, 1B— 88.4%, 2L-91.5%, 3D- 91.4%, 4O— 97.9%, 5JC—94.9%, 5KC— 94%, 6D— 95.1% and 6F— 94.5%

The attendance prize was won by Miss Ord's class. Our whole school attendance is 93% which is below our school target of 95%. We will continue to monitor the situation to improve our attendance.

**EASTER HOLIDAYS**

I hope you had a lovely Easter weekend! I would, however, like to remind you all that the school's Easter Holiday commences at 3.20pm on Friday, 4th April and the children are due to return to school on Monday, 21st April at 8.55am.

**AND FINALLY**

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

PAULA BAILEY  
Head Teacher

