

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 3rd October 2008

PHOTOGRAPHER REMINDER

Just to remind parents that the School Photographer will be in school on Monday. If you would like your child's photograph to be taken can you please complete the letter you received last week and return it to school with your requirements.

Can you please ensure that the letters are placed in **THE BLACK SECURE BOXES** in school.

As usual, the Photographer will be taking photographs of children with babies first.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to call into school.



TRIPS

Year 6 children visited Cragside Hall yesterday. They had a wonderful time and learned about life in the 19th Century. They also learned about the life of Lord Armstrong who lived at Cragside Hall.

I am sure the children will be able to produce some interesting reports for you to read next week!

Miss Donnelly's class are taking part in the BUPA Great North Sport and Fitness Show at Newcastle Arena followed by a visit to Bessie Surtees House as part of a topic they are covering on Tudor England.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Christmas is quickly approaching and we must, once, again, think about Operation Christmas Child.

Operation Christmas child ensures children in war torn or deprived countries receive gifts at Christmas.

I would just like to inform you that we have arranged for shoeboxes to be picked up just after the October half-term holiday. More details will follow but I wanted to give you the opportunity to start assembling your boxes. Thank you for your support.

MISS DONNELLY'S CLASS

will be taking part in a Drama Workshop in school on Tuesday, 7th October. On Wednesday, 8th October the class will be taking part in a Drama Workshop attended by many local schools at the Seven Stories Centre in the Ouseburn Valley in Newcastle.

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

The school is in the process of developing a School Travel Plan. As part of the development children/parents/staff and governors have to be surveyed on their travel arrangements.

Parents will today receive forms to complete and return to school. Key Stage 2 children will complete their forms in school. We have decided to let Key Stage 1 children complete the forms with their teacher.

Can you please return the forms to school as soon as possible.

Once we have our travel plan in place the school will receive accreditation.

RECIPE BOOK

You may remember some time ago being asked to provide your favourite recipes to be included in a Recipe Book we are hoping to sell in school to raise money.

I am pleased to let you know that the Recipe Book is finally completed and will shortly be available for sale at a price of £3.00.

The Recipe Book contains old favourites along with some exciting new recipes for you to try—hopefully encouraging children to learn to cook and eat healthily at the same time.

You will receive a letter next week giving details of how to purchase the Recipe Book.

Please try and support us with this venture!



MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

You will shortly receive a medical questionnaire to enable us to compile a medical register.

Can you please ensure that you complete and return the questionnaire so that we are informed of any medical conditions your child has to enable us to administer the correct treatment in the case of an emergency.

I would also ask that if your child's medical condition changes you inform the school as soon as possible.



ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception—97.0%, 1B— 92.9%, 2W-93.3%, 3L- 93.0%, 4C—98.3%, 5D—93.7%, 6C— 94.0% and 6F—95.3%

The attendance prize was won by Mrs Clamp's class. Our whole school attendance is 95.0% which is our school target! Well done everyone!

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

AND FINALLY

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and take advantage of the fine weather while it lasts!

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	Tuesday, 4th 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)