

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

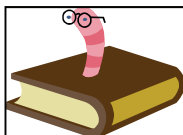
WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 30th January 2009

READING MEETING FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 1 CHILDREN

We have received a small amount of additional funding to participate in a reading project aimed at Year 1 children. There will be a meeting on Thursday, 5th February at 2.30pm for parents of Year 1 children. Parents will receive more information before the meeting.



PARENT SUPPORT WORKER — HELEN CURRY

Helen Curry, our Parent Support Worker, was joined in school on Thursday morning by Jenny Ritson, who is one of the Health Trainers for Gateshead.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the session.

Please remember that Helen will be holding 'drop-in' sessions every Thursday morning. This is an excellent opportunity if you are looking for advice or support. It is also an opportunity to meet other parents.

If you would like to contact Helen to discuss any issues, or for advice or support, either contact the school office or ring Helen directly on:

07981250807

SWEETS AND TOYS!

Can I please remind parents, particularly of our younger children, that toys are not allowed in school. There are also a number of children bringing sweets into school. We are a healthy school and sweets are not allowed.



FRIENDS OF BLAYDON WEST

The Friends of Blaydon West held a meeting on Thursday, 29th January at 3.20pm in the SCHOOL LIBRARY. We have adopted the NCPTA constitution which will enable us to apply for funding and grants to help develop a number of projects in school.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS- CHANGE OF INFORMATION

Please note that due to the fact that we had only one reply from a parent to attend the meeting on Monday, 2nd February at 5.30pm this meeting has now been cancelled.

The meeting at 2.30pm on Monday, 2nd February will go ahead in the staffroom as scheduled.

Please come along if you would like to discuss ideas and suggestions you may have to help make our school centenary celebrations a spectacular celebration not only for the children in school but also for the Blaydon community.

Dates for your diary

We are holding meetings for parents of children in Year 6 and Year 2 to discuss arrangements for carrying out end of Key Stage Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs). Parents will have the opportunity to ask any questions and have a look at some sample test papers.

YEAR 6 SATS MEETING — Monday, 23rd February at 6.00pm in Miss Ford's classroom

YEAR 2 SATS MEETING— Thursday, 26th February at 3.00pm in KS1 Hall

ECO PROTECTORS

In the Autumn Term, Mrs Richardson organised elections in school for Eco Warriors. Unfortunately, as you will be aware, Mrs Richardson has been absent from school due to illness.

Miss Ford has very kindly agreed to take on the responsibility of the Eco Warriors and will be having a meeting with the representatives before half term.

ICE HOCKEY—SPECIAL OFFER

We occasionally receive vouchers offering reduced price tickets for Ice Hockey games at the Newcastle Arena, usually at short notice. If you would be interested in attending the games with your child please let the school know and when we receive vouchers I will ensure that you receive them.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception— 93.4%, 1B— 94.3%, 2W— 94.1%, 3L— 91.2%, 4C— 93.7%, 5D— 94.4% 6C—91.9% and 6F—98.9%

The attendance prize was won by Miss Ford's class! Our whole school attendance is 93.4% which is 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.

MRS STOREY'S CLASS will be....

visiting Blaydon Library on Tuesday, 3rd February at 9.00am to continue their studies of animals.

If any parents would like to accompany us on this trip please let her know.

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Kristan Cameron from Nursery who won last week's book draw.

This week's winner is Paige Ridley.

The total raised over the past two weeks is £19.60 which will be used to purchase new reading books for the Nursery.

**MULTI-SKILLS EVENT AT RYTON
COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL**

Mrs Watson and Mrs Bailey took a group of 8 Year 3 children to a multi-skills event at Ryton Comprehensive School on Wednesday after school. Everyone had a fantastic time! Mrs Watson and Mrs Bailey would like to congratulate the children on their enthusiasm, excellent team spirit and impeccable behaviour. Well done to the following children:

Matthew Slee	Reece Makel
Ellie Robson	Anya Hawley
Isabella Icton	Rebecca Fuller

MISSING JACKET

Can you please check to see if your child has mistakenly taken home a combat jacket. If you find it can you please return it to school. Thank you.

MRS McGUIRE would like to invite parents to her class assembly on Wednesday morning at 9.05am. Parents are also invited for tea and coffee after the assembly.

We look forward to seeing you there.

IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE:

I have had a phone call from a concerned motorist saying twice this week she has almost hit two children who have run out onto the road on Blaydon Bank.

Can I take the opportunity to ask you to remind your children to cross at the crossing if they come to school on their own. If you bring your child to school can you please supervise them near the busy road.

Many thanks.

AND FINALLY....

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

M Bailey

Head Teacher

