

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

### NEW AWARD

We have introduced a new award for children—“Pupil of the Week”. One child from each class will be nominated by their teacher to be Pupil of the Week. The award is to celebrate a wide range of achievements, including attitude to work, co-operation with others, effort, concentration and positive contribution to class and school.

The “Pupil of the Week” will receive a certificate to keep and will be given a trophy that they can take home on Friday. Please can I ask that it is returned to school the following Wednesday. The children will then be able to keep the trophy in class until it is handed on to the next Pupil of the Week on Friday. Your co-operation in returning the trophy to school on a Wednesday would be greatly appreciated as it will ensure that no child is disappointed on Friday.

### CELEBRATING SUCCESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

In keeping with the Every Child Matters Agenda we are keen to improve our knowledge about the pupils' wider skills, hobbies and interests outside of school. We are happy for pupils to bring trophies, medals and certificates awarded for sporting and other achievements into school. We will give the children a special mention in assembly on Fridays.

### YEARS 1 AND 2 LIBRARY VISIT

Years 1 and 2 visited the Library on Thursday where they found out lots of exciting facts about The Great Fire of London. If you are looking for experts about this topic please speak to any child in Year 1 or 2 who will be more than happy to help you!

### WATER BOTTLES

Now that the weather is getting warmer it is very important that children have a regular supply of water to drink. Year 5 children will be selling water bottles over the next few weeks on a Wednesday playtime for Key Stage 2 children in the Infant Hall and on a Thursday playtime for Key Stage 1 children.

### MEETING WITH THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

On Thursday I met with School Council representatives from each class to begin to gather the views of the children about life at Blaydon West Primary School. It was a very informative meeting and I was impressed with the way the children expressed their views about the school confidently and freely! In the coming week School Council representatives are going to complete a questionnaire with their class to gather the views of all children in school. We will then meet to plan actions as a result of the findings.

### TABLE OF THE WEEK

We have reintroduced our popular Table of the Week on a Friday lunchtime. Children who demonstrate excellent behaviour and manners at lunchtime will be chosen by the Lunchtime Supervisors to sit at a special table with a table cloth and flowers. These children also select a member of staff to join them. They are served lunch first and receive a certificate to bring home.

### TENNIS COACHING FOR YEARS 3 AND 4

Tennis coaching started on Thursday for our Year 3 and 4 children after school. The children really enjoyed this opportunity.

**LOST PROPERTY**

We have many items of lost property in school. As we have done on many occasions in the past, we intend to put the items on display in the Junior Hall on Thursday, 10th May. If you would like to locate any items your child has lost in school can you please come in and have a look. Unfortunately, the school cannot continue to store a large amount of lost property, therefore, any items not collected on Thursday will be disposed of.

**PARKING ON LAWRENCE COURT**

I have received a complaint from a resident of Lawrence Court about parents blocking the entrance to her drive when picking children up from school.

Can I please request parents to consider the residents around school when parking.

I would also like to remind parents not to drop their children off in the back lane outside of school.

**SATS WEEK**

Once again, it is almost time for the Year 6 SATS. These tests will take place between 14th and 18th May.

Can you please ensure that your child attends school each day as these are important National tests that help provide a picture of the progress your child has made and the level they have reached.

**BANK HOLIDAY**

Can I remind everyone that school is closed Monday, 7th May, as it is a Bank Holiday.

**CLOG DANCING**

Last Saturday Year 4 Cloggers danced at The Sage as part of the Fiddles on Fire Weekend.

While they were there they watched a fantastic performance by The New Rope String Band but the highlight of the afternoon was our children dancing in front of a huge audience outside of the Coffee Shop. This was their first performance and they danced superbly.

Well done girls!!!!!!

**AND FINALLY**

Sincere thanks for all the commitment you give us on a day to day basis.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any concerns or questions regarding your child.

**LET'S HOPE THE WEATHER THIS WEEKEND IS FANTASTIC**

