

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 5th February 2010

WRITING WEEK

You will already have received a letter about our exciting events happening next week in school during our Writing Week.

As you will be aware our writing week is going to be focussed around the theme of Heroes and Villains.

The children will be given a variety of experiences and opportunities to write about heroes and villains using different genres of writing.



As part of our writing week we will be asking children to write a story about a hero or villain. These stories will be entered into Gateshead Council's short story competition. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to show the writing skills they have to a wider audience. The entries will be judged by a professional panel with the winners being announced in April.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAYRE

From Monday to Friday next week we are holding a Book Fayre in school. The Book Fayre will be held in the Key Stage 2 Hall between 8.45am and 9.15am each morning and 3.20pm and 3.45pm each afternoon. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase books to encourage your child to develop a love of reading. It is also an excellent opportunity for parents of younger children to read with their children to develop reading skills.



INVITATION TO PARENTS/CARERS

On Wednesday, 10th February, between 3.20pm and 4.00pm we would like to invite parents/carers and children to have a look at work the children have produced during this exciting week and to browse through the books on offer at the Book Fayre. Tea, coffee, juice and biscuits will be available for parents/carers and accompanied children.

If you would like to come please complete the reply slip on your letter and return it to school as soon as possible.

FANCY DRESS

We would like to see how imaginative you all are!

On Friday, 12th February we are holding a fancy dress competition based on our writing week theme of Heroes and Villains. We would like staff and children to dress up as their favourite hero or villain. Prizes will be awarded for the most inventive costumes!



Power Rangers



Lord Zedd

FUNDRAISING EVENT IN SCHOOL FOR HAITI

You will all be aware of the terrible effects that the earthquake suffered in Haiti has had on its inhabitants.

Our Year 6 children have asked if they can hold a fundraising event in school next Friday to raise money towards the relief effort.

During the week they will be selling raffle tickets at a cost of 50p per strip.

On Friday they will be selling cakes and biscuits to try and raise as much money as possible.

We would like donations for the sale of cakes and biscuits. If you can help please with this please let Mrs Champion know.

I am sure we can rely on your support!



NURSERY VISIT TO THE LIBRARY

Mrs Storey would like to thank the parents who accompanied the Nursery children on their visit to the Library.

The children had a wonderful time.

I am sure they will be looking forward to their next visit!



LATENESS



As half term approaches can I please take this opportunity to remind parents that children need to be lined up on the school yard by 8.55am to ensure they are not late for registration.

We are experiencing problems with a few children who are persistently late for school.

I would like to remind you that every minute of the school day counts and would actively encourage you to make sure your child does not miss one minute of the school day.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception— 91.7%, 1D—88.6%, 2L— 87.5%, 3D— 98.3%, 4C— 100%, 5W—96.1% and 6C—92.2%

The attendance prize was won by Mrs Clamp's class who achieved 100% attendance. Well done! Our whole school attendance is 93.4% which is just below our school attendance target. I realise there is a lot of illness at this time of year, however, with your help we will continue to work to improve our attendance

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



JUST A LITTLE REMINDER.....

That school closes at 3.20pm next Friday, 12th February for the half term holiday.

School will re-open on Monday, 22nd February at 8.55am.

MRS I'ANSON-CLOUGH has restarted the clog dancing classes on Thursday afternoon after school.

If your child would like to join the class please call into school.



NURSERY BOOK DRAW

The winner of this week's Nursery Book Draw is Shay Gibbons.

Congratulations Shay!



This week we raised £10.40 towards new books for the Nursery library.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Now that the snow seems to have disappeared at last can I remind parents that **ALL** children should be wearing the correct school uniform.

Trainers are not acceptable footwear for school. Can you please ensure your child wears a pair of black school shoes for school. Many thanks.

AND FINALLY

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!



Head Teacher