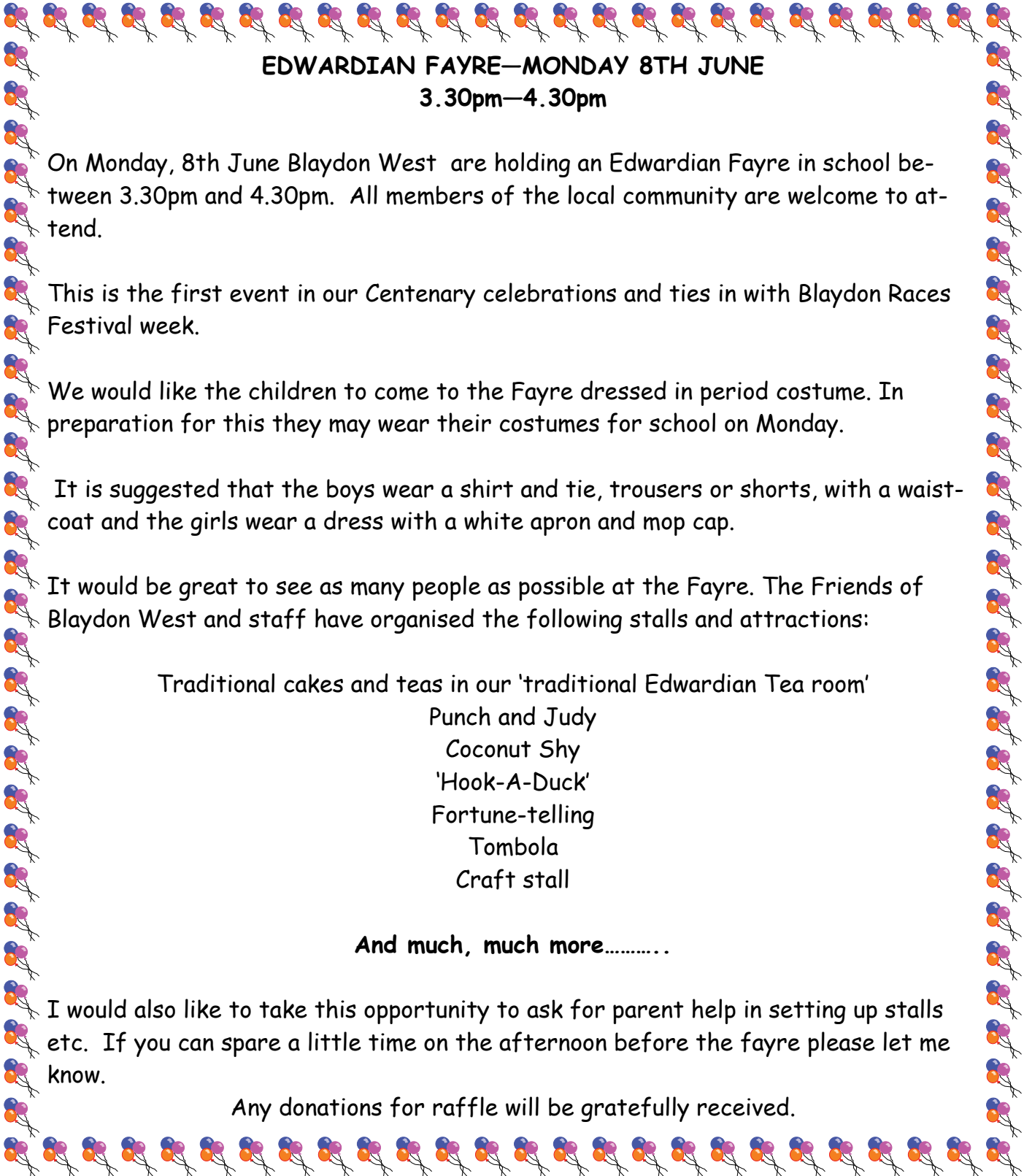


WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 5th June 2009



EDWARDIAN FAYRE—MONDAY 8TH JUNE 3.30pm—4.30pm

On Monday, 8th June Blaydon West are holding an Edwardian Fayre in school between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. All members of the local community are welcome to attend.

This is the first event in our Centenary celebrations and ties in with Blaydon Races Festival week.

We would like the children to come to the Fayre dressed in period costume. In preparation for this they may wear their costumes for school on Monday.

It is suggested that the boys wear a shirt and tie, trousers or shorts, with a waistcoat and the girls wear a dress with a white apron and mop cap.

It would be great to see as many people as possible at the Fayre. The Friends of Blaydon West and staff have organised the following stalls and attractions:

Traditional cakes and teas in our 'traditional Edwardian Tea room'

Punch and Judy

Coconut Shy

'Hook-A-Duck'

Fortune-telling

Tombola

Craft stall

And much, much more.....

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask for parent help in setting up stalls etc. If you can spare a little time on the afternoon before the fayre please let me know.

Any donations for raffle will be gratefully received.

SPANISH VISITORS TO SCHOOL



On Wednesday we played host to children and staff from a school in Talavera, Spain.

As part of the day the Spanish children worked with our Year 5 and 6 children to produce a range of art work, learn and perform dances and songs. At the end of the day the children performed their songs and dances to the rest of the school.

The children had a really enjoyable day and many friendships were formed between the children.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception— 91.6%, 1B—89.9%, 2W— 86.5%, 3L— 83.8%, 4C— 93.8%, 5D—90.5% 6C—96.2% and 6F—80%.

The attendance prize was again won by Mrs Champion's class! Our whole school attendance is 89% which is well below our school target of 96%. With your help we will continue to work to improve our attendance

As a reward Year 6 C/C class will receive 10 minutes free time and will have the attendance rosette, cup and mascot for a week.



HEALTH WEEK

Next week the focus of lessons across the school will be around health and leading healthy life styles. In addition to work planned by the teachers the following events have been organised for the children:

- Whole school launch assembly—Taste Testing Challenge
- Healthy Stars Road show for KS2 pupils (Tuesday am)
- Visitor from Blaydon Tennis Club to speak to the children
- 'Expo' chef—Demonstration by 'expo' chef for whole school of how to make healthy snacks. Tasting included (Friday)
- 'Mini-sports' event for whole school—Fitness circuits
- Talks by the school nurse and visitors about personal hygiene
- Drugs awareness workshops



On Friday we would like the children to come to school dressed in sports clothes. This can be football strips, T-shirts, jogging pants etc. In the afternoon we are going to have a 'mini-sports' event with circuits and activities for the children.

A donation of at least £1.00 would be gratefully received to raise money towards purchasing Sports equipment for the children.

On Thursday morning Helen Curry, our Parent Support Worker, has arranged for the school nurse to come into school and talk to parents about healthy eating. Please come and join her for a cup of tea or coffee and healthy snacks!

BLAYDON RACES

We received 18 tickets for the Junior Blaydon Race which takes place on Tuesday 9th June. The tickets were for children in Year 5 and 6. All children who expresses an interest were entered into a draw and 18 names were drawn. If your child has a ticket but cannot take part please return it to school and we will ensure that it goes to another child.