

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 7th March 2008

HMI Inspection

We had our first HMI monitoring visit on Monday and Tuesday this week. The report from the visit will arrive in school shortly, when it has been verified by Ofsted. However, until this time the findings are confidential but as soon as we receive the report we will make the findings available to you.

PARENTS' EVENING

You should by now have received a letter asking you to select an appointment time for your child's parents' evening. If you have not received a letter please contact your child's teacher to arrange an appointment.

Parents' evening is taking place on Monday, 10th and Tuesday, 11th between 3.30pm and 6.00pm. We look forward to seeing you!

OUR TWO SCHOOL TRIPS THIS WEEK

Miss Lewin's class enjoyed their educational visit to the Gateshead/Newcastle Quayside. This visit was to support a geography and DT project the children are currently working on in school. Miss Lewin would like to thank the children for their excellent behaviour on the trip.

Mrs McGuire's class visited Tweddles Farm, near Hartlepool, where they saw many different animals, including monkeys, llamas, bushbabies etc. This was a particularly enjoyable visit for our younger children.

Can I thank all parent helpers who accompanied the children on both of these trips.

LIFE STRAWS

Every day 1 billion people live without clean water and 6,000 people die from drinking unclean water. One way of helping people without clean water is to buy a Life Straw.

The children have been finding out that Life Straws have several filters inside of them. When a person drinks using them it cleans even the dirtiest water and makes it safe to drink.

We want to see how many lives we can save by buying Life Straws which will be sent to the poorest countries by The Rotary Club and The Salvation Army.

If your child would like to buy a straw they can bring £1.00 into school from Monday, 10th March. They will receive a plastic straw and a sticker to remind them of what they have done.

Many thanks for supporting this project.



VISIT BY STAFF FROM THE LIBRARY SERVICE

On Monday morning Year 2 and Year 5 worked with a member of staff from the Library Service.

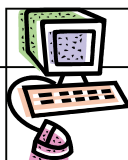
Both year groups really benefited from the visit. The children were allowed to choose books to read in school or take home with them.

The children received positive comments about how well-behaved they were during the visit.

YEAR 5 VISIT TO THE CITY LEARNING CENTRE

On Tuesday, 11th March Mrs Clamp and Mr Craddock's class will be visiting the City Learning Centre to learn about data logging.

Mrs Clamp's class will attend a morning session and Mr Craddock's class will attend an afternoon session.



POLITE REMINDER!

Can I please ask parents, wherever possible, to arrange appointments for doctors, dentists etc to take place outside of school hours.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that our school day starts at 8.55am. We still have a minority of families who continue to bring children in late most mornings.

I am sure you will appreciate that the two issues mentioned above disrupt the teaching and learning not only of your own children but also of the other children in class.

I would appreciate your help in resolving these issues.

MISS LEWIN WOULD LIKE TO LET YOU KNOW that her class will need a full PE kit— Trainers, Tracksuit and PE Shirts for PE on Thursdays.



BASKETBALL TICKETS

The school has been given some reduced priced tickets for Newcastle Eagles Basketball. The tickets are for matches on Wednesday, 12th March and Friday 21st March.

If any parents would like to take advantage of this offer please call into the school office.

BRITAIN IN BLOOM COMPETITION

I am delighted to inform you that we have been extremely successful in this year's Blaydon in Bloom competition.

Please find below details of the children who won prizes!

Painting

- Donald Taylor - 1st Prize—Silver Salver
- Rosemary Plummer - 2nd Prize
- Carter Brown - Highly Commended
- Jonathan Kirtley - Highly Commended

Handwriting

- Christopher Bocking - 2nd Prize (out of 100 entrants)
- Carter Brown - Highly Commended
- Kelvin Hunter - Commended



LOST PROPERTY

We currently have a number of items in our lost property box without names on. Can you please ensure that all clothing worn for school is clearly labelled with your child's name?

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:
Reception— 94.2%, 1B— 92.6%, 2L—90.0%, 3D— 93.1%, 4O— 95.3%, 5JC—97.1%, 5KC— 93.5%, 6D— 95.7% and 6F— 93.3%

The attendance prize was won by Mrs Clamp's class. Our whole school attendance is 93.9% which is below our school target of 95%. We will continue to monitor the situation to improve our attendance.

AND FINALLY

I hope you have a lovely weekend!

PAULA BAILEY
Head Teacher