

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 8th May 2009

### YEAR 6 SATS

Parents of Year 6 children will already be aware that externally marked SATS tests take place in school from Monday.

I would like to wish the children good luck with the tests. I am sure they will do very well.

Can I offer some suggestions to enable your child to cope next week.

It is very important for your child to come to school on time. Please ensure your child attends school every day. If, by any chance, they feel a little unwell, encourage them to come to school to do their test. We will then assess whether or not they need to be sent home.

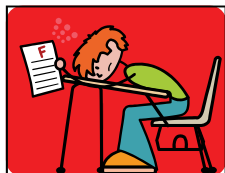
Try to reassure your child there is nothing to worry about. They have completed many practice papers in school over the past few months and are well prepared.

I am sure it will help if your child is well-rested, therefore, can you please try to make sure they go to bed early next week!

Most importantly, try not to let them worry about the tests. Try to keep them calm and let them know everyone will be feeling the same.

I am sure if we all work on this together we can make this as stress-free as possible for the children.

Finally, I wish all of the children good luck!



### UNIFORM

Can I suggest that parents start to place orders for uniform after the Half-term holiday. This will ensure that your order will be received before the summer holidays.

I am sure you can appreciate that the uniform suppliers get exceedingly busy at this time of year. If you do not receive your order by the end of this academic year there is no guarantee it will arrive before the start of the new term in September.



MRS STOREY has asked me to remind parents that the area outside of the Nursery is used as a teaching area.

There have been several instances over the past few weeks where equipment has been damaged.

Can I please ask you to ensure your children do not play in this area before or after school to allow the area to be used for its intended purpose.

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

### FOLLOWING A SUCCESSFUL FIRST LIBRARY SESSION

on Thursday, where parents came to the Library with their children to choose a book, Mrs Watson would like to invite parents to continue to develop their children's love of books by opening the Library each Thursday afternoon between 3.20pm and 3.45pm.

If you did not find time to visit the Library this week why not come long on Thursday to see our wonderful selection of books and choose a book you can read together with your child!

**HEWORTH GRANGE CLC**

Year 1 and Year 3 will be visiting Heworth Grange CLC on Wednesday, 13th May 2009 as part of our drive to improve our children's ICT skills.

I am sure they will have a wonderful day and they will thoroughly enjoy the experience.

**MISS LEWIN** will be visiting Blaydon Library on Thursday, 14th May at 1.15pm.

If any parents are free that afternoon to accompany the children on this visit please let Miss Lewin know.

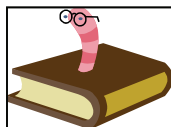


**MRS STOREY** has asked me to let parents know that the Nursery book draw has been re-introduced.

The winner of this week's book prize is Connie Healey. Well done Connie!

A total of £10.00 has been raised to provide new reading resources for the Nursery.

Many thanks for your continue support in this initiative.



**ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception— 89.5%, 1B—95.5%, 2W— 95.7%, 3L— 91.0%, 4C— 95.7%, 5D—94.4% 6C—97.6% and 6F—97.9%

The attendance prize was won by Miss Ford's class! Our whole school attendance is 94.66% which is just 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.



**CHILDREN FROM NURSERY** will enjoy a walk around the local environment on Tuesday morning.

Included in their walk will be a visit to Connie Healey's garden!

I am sure the children will have a wonderful time having a look around the area and learning about all of the wonderful things growing in Connie's garden!

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

I would like to remind parents that our Breakfast Club continues to flourish. The cost remains at £1.00 per day and the Club runs from 8.00am-8.55am each day. If you would like your child to attend please contact the school.

**AND FINALLY**

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!



Head Teacher

