

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

WELCOME BACK TO THE SUMMER TERM

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome everyone back after the half term holiday. It is hard to believe there are only 6 weeks until we finish for the summer holidays!

We have many exciting activities and events planned for the children in school before the end of term.

BARE TOED THEATRE COMPANY

On Friday the 15th June the Bare Toed Theatre Company are coming into school between 9.00am-10.30am to work with Reception children.

I am sure the children will have a wonderful experience working with these actors.

SURE START INDUCTION MEETING

A reminder for parents of Nursery children that there will be a meeting at Sure Start on Monday evening between 6pm-8pm. Miss Bright and Miss Benison look forward to meeting you there.

At this meeting you will be given information about helping your child settle into school and how you can support their learning and development.

Miss Bright and Miss Benison are also available in school to discuss any concerns or issues you may have.

PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

On Monday evening your child will bring home a questionnaire asking for your views about our school.

When we have collected all of the evidence from the questionnaires we will analyse it and make decisions as to how we can improve our school.

If your child does not bring home a copy of the questionnaire can you please call to the school office to pick one up.

I would appreciate it if you could return your replies as soon as possible.

In the meantime if you have any concerns about your child, or any problems in school, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

PHONE CALLS

Can you please ensure that your child comes to school with equipment needed for that day. We are experiencing problems with the number of children coming into school without PE kits, Swimming kits etc. Can you also ensure that your consent has been given for your child to attend after school clubs as we are only able to ring home in exceptional circumstances.

We also hope that by encouraging your child to be responsible for their own equipment that this will lead them to become more independent. Thank you for your support.

LOCAL VISITS

I would like to remind parents that we rely on parental help for local visits. We have recently had to cancel a trip to Blaydon Library and a walk around our local surroundings as we did not have enough adults to help supervise the children. I would appreciate your support in this matter as other local visits occur.

YEAR 4 PEER MASSAGE

Over the next four weeks Miss Donnelly's class are going to receive training in Peer Massage. This is a new initiative to help with learning and behaviour. The children will take part in five minute daily massage sessions in class with their class mates.

This is a pilot scheme being run by the Behaviour and Emotional Support Team at Kingsmeadow. Miss Donnelly will be monitoring our findings and reporting back to Kingsmeadow.

Your child will bring home a letter from school enabling you to opt out of this programme if you so wish.

VISIT BY SPANISH CHILDREN

On Friday 15th June some of our year six children will be welcoming our Spanish visitors in Newcastle. This will be the start of a week where our children will have the opportunity to forge friendships with our visitors. Over the week our visitors are here there will be several visits and events taking place both in and out of school.

On Saturday some of our year six children will be accompanying the visitors on a trip to Alnwick Castle. The Spanish children are very keen to visit the castle as they have all read Harry Potter!

Other events during the week include a visit to Newcastle United football ground, Spanish cooking with Ian Palmer (Parent Governor) and the opportunity to participate in a Spanish play.

During the visit the Spanish children will also have the opportunity to participate in lessons etc in school.

BLAYDON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

CULTURE WEEK

As part of our commitment to a personalised curriculum for children we have held a culture week in school.

All classes have had the opportunity to participate. We have taught the children about local cooking—we have made ham and pea pudding and corned beef pie.

All classes have worked with Benny Graham who is a local folk musician. The children have also visited Blaydon Library.

An artist came in to work with year 2. They produced a wonderful screen to be displayed in the church as part of the Blaydon Races Festival.

All children in school have participated in sporting activities and this afternoon we are recreating the Blaydon Races Festival with picnics, competitions and lots of interesting side shows.

During this week the children have had the opportunity to learn about local culture and have really enjoyed everything that has taken place.

TABLE OF THE WEEK

The children on table of the week this week are: Shelby Atkinson, Kieron Longhurst, Mark Noble, Jennifer Udale, Reanna Parker and Reece Makel.

Finally, I hope everyone has a good weekend.

PAULA BAILEY
Head Teacher

