

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 9th January 2009

FIRST OF ALL....

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and welcome you all back to Blaydon West after the Christmas holidays.

I am sure there are many exciting things that will happen over the next year. We look forward to your continuing support.

One exciting event we will celebrate in November is the School's Centenary. We will, hopefully, be putting forward a programme of events to help the children and local community celebrate that our school has been the main focus on Blaydon Bank for 100 years!

SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS

You will have received a letter regarding the visit to Kingswood between the 24th and 27th April 2009. A meeting has been arranged for Tuesday, 13th January at 5.00pm to let parents know the arrangements for the visit. Parents will have the opportunity to view a DVD showing the accommodation, and activities children can participate in, while on this residential visit.

SATS EXAMS

This year's SATs exams will take place week between 11th and 15th May.

It is very important that your child attends school each day of SATs week. These tests are used by Secondary Schools to assess how well children are performing and help ensure a successful transition into the Secondary School Structure.

Please note I cannot authorise holidays during the SATs tests.

You will soon receive information re a meeting where you will be able to discuss any issues or concerns you may have regarding the tests.

RELIEF MIDDAY SUPERVISORS

If any parent would like to join a register of Relief Midday Supervisors can you please call into the School Office and leave your name. I will then contact you to give you details.

There are, occasionally, times when we need to call on Relief Midday Supervisors, usually at short notice, to cover absence/illness.

Anyone applying for these positions will have to have Police Clearance.

I look forward to discussing this matter with you.

MRS WATSON ...

is starting a Book Club, initially for Year 2 children, on Monday lunchtimes to help develop a love of reading and an appreciation of literature.

I am sure all of the children who attend will soon be sharing stories with you that they have read about at the Book Club!



CAN I REMIND PARENTS that we still have a number of boxes etc left in school after the Christmas parties.

If you have left a box can you please collect it as soon as possible.

Any boxes not collected by Friday, 16th January will be disposed of.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception— 94.1%, 1B— 90.6%, 2W— 94%, 3L— 95.5%, 4C— 98.8%, 5D— 97.2% 6C—94% and 6F—98%

The attendance prize was won by Mrs Clamp's class by a very small margin! Our whole school attendance is 95.3% which is above our school target. Well done everyone!

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

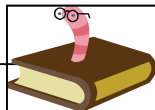
Millie Johnson who won this week's book prize. This week we raised a total of £6.00.

Olivia Bullerwell won the book prize on 19th December where a total of £3.00 was raised.

Can I take the opportunity to remind parents that tickets cost 20p and all of the money raised goes towards buying new books for the Nursery Library.

Please try and support us as we aim to improve the quality of books available to the children in the Nursery.

Many thanks.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

I have noticed that there are a few children who have come back to school wearing non-uniform items, especially trainers.

Can you please make sure your child follows the School Uniform Code.

If there is a problem can you please call into school to discuss this with myself or your child's class teacher.

I appreciate your help in this matter.



DINNER MONEY

Can I please remind you that the cost of a school meal is £1.75 per day (£8.75 per week).

There are still a few parents who are not sending in the correct amount.

Can you please ensure that the dinner money is deposited in the grey secure box in the corner of the Junior Hall first thing in a morning to enable the money to be credited on account.

AND FINALLY....

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!



Head Teacher