

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 9th October 2009



BEAMISH VISIT

We are all getting very excited about our trip to Beamish on Thursday.

All parents who have paid to accompany the children on this trip will have received a ticket to confirm that a place has been booked for them at Beamish and on the coach.

If you have not received your ticket, and you have paid, please call to the school office.

Unfortunately, as the places have been booked we can not allow any more parents/carers to join us, however, if you still would like to come please leave your name and contact number at the school office. In the event of a cancellation you will be contacted.

INITIATIVE TO ENCOURAGE GOOD ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Following the information given last week on the Newsletter about our aim to improve attendance, and encourage children to come to school on time each day, I am pleased to inform you that **ALL** of the children who have attended school all week and arrived on time have received a small incentive today.

From next week we will continue with this initiative. Children fulfilling the criteria will receive a raffle ticket. A draw will be made on Friday where one child from each class will receive a prize.

Thank you for your continued support in this initiative. I am sure that, if we all work together, we can raise our attendance and encourage children to arrive in school on time each day.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Just a reminder to let you know that the School Photographer will be in school on Tuesday, 13th October.

You should already have received a letter detailing the arrangements.

If you have not already done so, can you please complete your form and send it back into school.



ROAD SAFETY TALKS

I am sure you will appreciate, as the evenings get darker, the importance of teaching children about road safety.

I have arranged for the Road Safety Officer to come into school on Monday, 12th October, to talk to Key Stage 1 children on the importance of road safety.



KINGSWOOD MEETING

Parents of Year 5 and Year 6 children will today have received a letter about our residential visit to Kingswood next year.

The meeting will take place in school at 5.30pm on Monday, 12th October.

Please return the reply slip to school on Monday to let Miss Ford know whether or not you can attend.

If you cannot make the meeting, and you would still like information, please see Miss Ford.

OUR SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM will....

be playing in a tournament at Winlaton West Lane School on Tuesday, 13th October after school.

I am sure you would all like to join me in wishing them good luck.

Hopefully, we will get a good result!

I will let you know next Friday what the score is.



TEA DANCE

Many thanks to all parents who have nominated guests to attend the Tea Dance on Wednesday, 14th October.



I am sure the guests will appreciate the hard work the children have put into learning the dances.

Afternoon tea will be served to our guests.

This is a wonderful way of involving Blaydon West Primary School with our local community.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception— 88.6%, 1D—94.4%, 2L— 90.8%, 3D— 94.6%, 4C— 96.2%, 5W—90.4% and 6F—92.9%

The attendance prize was won by Mrs Clamp's class! Our whole school attendance is 92.5% which is well below our school target. With your help we will continue to work to improve our attendance

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.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We still have a small supply of uniform that we are selling at a reduced cost.

The majority of the items in stock are in smaller sizes, however, please feel free to call if you would like to purchase any of the available items.

BLAYDON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES - 2009-2010

	School Closes - 3.20pm	School Re-opens - 8.55am
Autumn Half-Term Holiday	Friday, 23 rd October 2009	Monday, 2 nd November 2009
Christmas Holiday	Friday, 18 th December 2009	Monday, 4 th January 2010
Spring Half-Term Holiday	Friday, 12 th February 2010	Monday, 22 nd February 2010
Easter Holiday	Thursday, 1 st April 2010	Monday, 19 th April 2010
Summer Half-Term Holiday	Friday, 28 th May 2010	Monday, 7 th June 2010
Summer Holidays	Friday, 23 rd July 2010	

In addition to the above dates school will be closed to pupils on Monday, 3rd May 2010 (May Day Bank Holiday). **Two additional days will be notified later for teacher training days. One occasional day will be utilised for the purpose of closure in the event of Government elections. Any changes to the above dates will be notified as and when they occur.**

AND FINALLY

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

M. Bailey

Head Teacher

