

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: Friday, 9th November 2007

First of all I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents of the new arrangements for Parent/Teacher Consultations. As stated in the letter you received yesterday Parent/Teacher Consultations will take place over two evenings—Tuesday, 13th November between 3.30pm and 6.30pm and Wednesday, 14th November, between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.

If your child has not already brought home a letter can you please arrange for one to be collected and completed as soon as possible to ensure you reserve your appointment.

### **DRAMA CLUB.....**

Due to the new arrangements for Parent/Teacher Consultation Miss Donnelly's Drama Club will take place on Wednesday, 21st November between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. The Drama Club will continue on Thursday nights from **Thursday, 29th November.**

### **MISS LEWIN'S CLASS ASSEMBLY.....**

Miss Lewin's Class Assembly will take place on Wednesday, 14th November at 9.00am. Miss Lewin and the children would like to see you all there!

There will be refreshments in the classroom afterwards. I am sure you will all have a lovely time.

### **BASKETBALL**

5JC are taking part in a basketball tournament at Hookergate Secondary School on Monday afternoon. I am sure they will do very well and we all wish them the best of luck!

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS OF BLAYDON WEST**

The Friends of Blaydon West will be holding a meeting in the Staff Room on Tuesday, 13th November between 2.45pm and 3.15pm to discuss arrangements for the Christmas Fayre to be held on Friday, 7th December.

Everyone is welcome. If there is any way you feel you can contribute towards the Christmas Fayre they would love to see you at the meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to help, please let the staff in the School Office know.

### **LIBRARY VISIT**

Mrs McGuire's class will be visiting the Library in Blaydon on Thursday, 15th November at 1.30pm.

If any parents can help with the visit can you please let Mrs McGuire know. If we do not get enough parent helpers we may have to cancel the visit.

### **JOLLY PHONICS SESSIONS.....**

Mrs Maguire has also asked me to remind parents that she will be running Jolly Phonics Sessions in school on a Thursday afternoon at 1.30pm. The sessions are intended for Reception parents, however, parents of children in Years 1 and 2 are also very welcome.

**CLASS TARGET**

I am pleased to let you know that both Miss Lewin's, Mrs Clamp's class and Mr Dalby's class achieved their class target this week and have received a reward for their efforts!

**POPPIES**

Thank you to everyone who has sent money into school for Poppies. The money raised will certainly be used for worthwhile causes.

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE APPEAL**

I would like to remind parents that we are still collecting for the "Shoebox Appeal".

Can you please bring your shoeboxes into school as soon as possible.

I hope we can collect a good number of boxes to help make Christmas special for children not as fortunate as ours.

**KINGSWOOD MEETING**

Following a successful meeting in school on Wednesday evening parents have been very impressed with the facilities and opportunities available to children at Kingswood.

If any parent who has a child in Year 6 did not manage to make it to the meeting but would like their child to attend the residential visit can they please see Miss Donnelly or Mrs Ford who will be more than happy to answer any queries you may have. A £20.00 deposit will be required by Friday, 16th November.

Thanks to all parents who have paid their deposits so far!

**ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

This week's attendance figures are:  
Reception— 95.7%, 1E— 91.3%, 2L—96.7%, 3R— 91.9%, 4O—90.8%, 5JC—94.6%, 5KC— 93.8%, 6D— 97.4 and 6F— 100%.

The attendance prize was won by Mrs Ford's class. Our whole school attendance is 94.68% which is just below our school target of 95% We will continue to monitor the situation to improve our attendance.

**BOOK FAYRE**

Can I remind you that the Book Fayre will be held in school commencing Monday, 26th November.

This is an exciting opportunity for parents to buy Christmas presents for children. All of the books will be reasonably priced.

There will be a large selection of books suitable for all ages. In addition to this there will also be many other items for sale.

All profit received from the Book Fayre will go towards subsidising school trips etc.

**AND FINALLY.....**

I really hope everyone has a very good weekend!

PAULA BAILEY  
Head Teacher

