

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 9th May 2008

### 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!



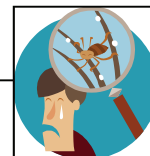
### HEAD LICE—REMINDER

Can I please ask parents to check for Head Lice and take the appropriate action if any nits or lice are found.

The School Nurse can offer advice on treatments currently available or your doctor can issue a prescription.

The only way we can keep the problem under control is to check hair on a regular basis.

Hopefully, if we work together, we can tackle the problem!



### UNIFORM ORDERS

Can I remind you that we have changed our uniform supplier, however, the uniform is still made by the same manufacturer.

Order forms are available from the leaflet distribution box on the wall outside of the school office.

Can you please ensure that your uniform orders are placed as soon as possible to ensure you receive your order before September.

Cheques should be made payable to Blaydon West Primary School. We will accept payment by cheque or cash.

Please note: We will no longer be stocking uniform items in school as the orders are placed directly with the supplier.

**YEAR 5 VISIT TO RYTON COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL**

Year 5 children will be visiting Ryton Comprehensive School on Monday afternoon.

The children will be using public transport to get to and from the school.

If your child has a bus pass can you please make sure he/she brings it to school.

Children will need to bring £1.60 to school (without a pass) or £0.80 (with a pass) to cover transport costs.



**REMINDER—CEILIDH**

I would like to remind parents about the family Ceilidh to be held on Saturday, 17th May. We still have a few tickets available. If you would like a ticket please see Cassie or Claire in the school yard!

If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize or food for the buffet, can you please let them know.

I am sure everyone will have a fantastic time dancing the night away.

This is the first time we have organised a Ceilidh as a fundraiser for the school but, if the night is successful, I am sure it will not be the last!

**POLITE REQUEST—CHILDREN PLAYING FOOTBALL ON THE SCHOOL YARD BEFORE SCHOOL**

I have had a number of complaints from parents about children playing football in the Key Stage 1 yard before school starts.

We have spoken to the children and asked them to make sure they play away from the parents and young children.

Can I please ask for your co-operation in ensuring your children do not play football next to the other parents.

Many thanks.

**STRAWS FOR LIFE**

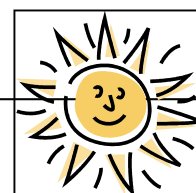
Catherine, from the Salvation Army, has asked me to let you know that the school raised £111.00 for the Straws for Life Appeal.

I am sure this will make a difference to the lives of 111 children in the third world.

**AND FINALLY**

I hope the weather stays fine this weekend and that you all manage to get outside and enjoy the sunshine!

PAULA BAILEY  
Head Teacher



**ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception— 93.1%, 1B— 92.2%, 2L—87.5%, 3R—95.7%, 4O—90.3%, 5JC—89.8%, 5KC— 98.3%, 6D— 86.1% and 6F— 95.3%

The attendance prize was won by Mr Cradock's class. Our whole school attendance is 92% which is below our school target of 94%. We will continue to monitor the situation to see what we can do to improve the situation.