

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 12th December 2008

### CHRISTMAS SERVICE—ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH, BLAYDON

I would like to take the opportunity remind parents that we will be holding a church service at St Cuthbert's Church on Monday morning at 9.30am.

It would be lovely to see you all there!



### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PRIZES

As you know we were selling tickets for a beautiful hamper before and after our Christmas performances in school. I would like to let you know that Ryan Larner from Year 6 won the hamper. I am sure the whole family will enjoy the contents over Christmas! We raised £105 for school funds. Many thanks to all of you who bought tickets.

We have one raffle prize remaining from last week's Christmas Fayre. Barbara Latimer won a £8.00 voucher for Kell's Kitchen in Blaydon. If Barbara would like to call to the school office she will be able to collect her prize!

### KEY FOUND IN SCHOOL

A key was found on the top corridor on Wednesday afternoon after one of our Christmas Performances. If anyone has lost a key please call to the school office to collect it.

### HEAD LICE

It has been brought to my attention that several children have had head lice over the past week.

Can you please take the opportunity to check your child's hair this weekend and take appropriate action if necessary.



### HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTICE

We introduced a no jewellery policy, including earrings, in September. I would like to thank all of the parents and children who have supported us in this. During the summer holidays a small number of children had their ears pierced and were given permission to continue wearing earrings for the recommended time. However, in the interests of fairness, and Health and Safety, we would ask that all children refrain from wearing earrings in school.

### CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

As you all know we had four Christmas performances from the children this week for family and friends.

I would like to thank everyone who attended. I am sure you will agree with me that the children and staff have worked very hard in preparation for the performances.

There were many compliments from members of the audience commenting on how well the children performed and how much they had enjoyed the productions.

Congratulations to everyone involved.

### NON-UNIFORM DAY

Next Friday we are having a non-uniform day where children can come into school without their uniform. We are charging 50p to raise funds for the school funds.

We are also allowing children to bring toys and games into school. Can I please stress that only board games will be allowed. Game Boys, Nintendo DS' and other electronic games will not be allowed. We also cannot allow any item to be brought into school that are electronic as all electronic items in school are subject to rigorous safety testing by experts.

**ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception— 89.4%, 1B— 91.1%, 2W— 92.1%, 3L— 95%, 4C— 93.3%, 5D— 96.7% 6C—88.1% and 6F—90.8%

The attendance prize was again won by Miss Donnelly's class. Our whole school attendance is 92% which is well below our school target.

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

**LOST PROPERTY**

There are several items of uniform that have been reported missing over the past week.

Can you please ensure that, if you are purchasing items of uniform from outside suppliers, they are clearly labelled with your child's details.

If you are purchasing uniform from our school supplier the items are embroidered with the child's name for easy identification.



In the meantime, if you find any uniform at home that does not belong to your child, please return it to school as soon as possible.

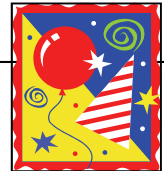
**SCHOOL PARTIES**

Christmas parties will be held on the days below for all year groups.

16.12.08 am Nursery  
 16.12.08 pm Reception, Year 1 and Year 2  
 17.12.08 pm Year 3 and Year 4  
 18.12.08 pm Year 5 and Year 6

Can you please indicate on the consent form below the arrangements you have made for your child getting changed into their party clothes.

Please return completed consent forms to your child's class teacher.



**AND FINALLY**

I know everyone will be having a really hectic time as we approach Christmas, however, I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

*Mr Bailey*

Head Teacher

**BLAYDON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL—CONSENT FORM**

Can you please indicate below the arrangements you have made for your child getting changed into their party clothes.

	Please Tick ✓
My child will be collected and taken home for lunch	
I will come to school between 12.45pm and 1.00pm to dress my child	
My child will come to school in their party clothes	

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent of: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_