

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 30th November 2007

FANCY DRESS DAY

First of all I would like to thank you all for the wonderful outfits you have made with your children for our Fancy Dress Day. Perhaps if you are around school this afternoon you may see Snow White or Puss in Boots wandering around!

The following children have won a book for their costumes:

Leah Stewart
Amy Healey
Denholm Brown
Reece Makel
Jack Walling
Lauren Young
Thomas Brooks
Alisha Davison
Natalie Cowen

Congratulations to all of the above!

FAMOUS VISITOR AT BLAYDON WEST

I am sure your children will already have told you but we had a famous visitor in school on Tuesday. Peter Beardsley, ex-Newcastle United Footballer, came into school to chat to the children and present two tickets for a Newcastle United game to the winner of our 100% attendance in school competition. The lucky winner, whose name was drawn out of a hat, was Zoe Taylor. Well done Zoe—enjoy the match! Let's hope you see plenty of goals scored by Newcastle United!

Peter answered many questions from the children and said afterwards how much he had enjoyed his visit to school.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE ARRANGEMENTS

The Friends of Blaydon West would like to pass on the following information regarding the Christmas Fayre.

A planning meeting will be held in the Staff Room on Tuesday, 4th December at 2.45pm. Everyone is welcome.

They would like donations of good quality bric-a-brac, toys, games, books, CD's and DVD's. Please bring donations into school by Thursday at the latest.

If you would like to donate cakes, biscuits, savoury snacks etc to the Fayre can you please bring them into school on Friday morning. If you cannot drop your donation off on Friday morning can you please bring it into school on Thursday night at the earliest.

MOST IMPORTANTLY.....

The Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday, 7th December starting at 2.30pm. There will be a 30p entrance charge for adults, however, children will be admitted free.

WHITWELL ROAD

I have been informed by a parent that workmen on Whitewell Road have said Whitewell Road will be closed from Monday.

If you usually bring your child to school along Whitewell Road you will need to make alternative arrangements.

WE HAVE TWO TRIPS NEXT WEEK.....

We have arranged three exciting trips for some of our children next week.

On Monday, 3rd December Miss Ord's class will be visiting Segedunum.

On Tuesday, 4th December the Year 6 children will be visiting Chopwell Woods to pick our school Christmas trees. They are under strict instructions to pick nice trees! Once they have been decorated I am sure the school will start to feel very Christmassy!

The final visit is on Thursday, 6th December. Some of our School Council members will be visiting Dryden Professional Development Centre to take part in the Healthy Schools Presentation. The children have been asked to give two presentations—one on our Buddy System and the other on Peer Massage. We all hope they have a wonderful time.

CHRISTMAS PUPPIES

We have some Christmas Puppies to sell to good homes. The Puppies are being sold to raise funds for The Marie Curie Hospice which, I am sure you will all agree, is a very worthwhile charity.

The suggested donation for the Puppies is £1.00.

We have limited numbers to sell so please send in your donation from next Monday. We will have children visiting classes each day to sell the Puppies.

AND FINALLY.....

I hope everyone has a fantastic weekend as we all start to make our Christmas preparations!

PAULA BAILEY
Head Teacher

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception— 81.3%, 1E— 93%, 2L-91%, 3R-87.9%,
4O—86.8%, 5JC—92.9%, 5KC—81%, 6D— 90.5%
and 6F— 89.8%

The attendance prize was won by Miss Eastaugh's class. Our whole school attendance is 88% which is well below our school target of 94% We will continue to monitor the situation to improve our attendance.

JUST A FURTHER REMINDER OF DIARY DATES

Please find below important dates for your diary as you may need to book time off work or make arrangements to attend some of the events.

13th December 9.30am—KS1 Christmas Production

2.15pm—KS2 Christmas Production

14th December 9.30am—KS2 Christmas Production

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17th December Christingle Service
St Cuthbert's Church

18th December pm—Years 3 and 4
Christmas Party

19th December am—Nursery Party

19th December pm—Year 5 Christmas Party

19th December pm—Reception/Year 1 and
Year 2 Christmas Party

20th December pm—Year 6 Christmas Party

21st December Pantomime

21st December 3.20pm—school closes for
Christmas Holiday

7th January 2008 School re-opens at 8.55am