

# Dunston Hill Community Primary School



**Please note** that we have arranged a further staff development day for Friday 18th February 2011 when school will be closed to the children.

## Weekly Newsletter

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## Anti-Bullying Week 15th-19th November



This year's anti-bullying theme is 'Taking Action Together'. To promote the children's awareness we will be selling 'Anti-bullying' wrist bands all next week for £1.00. The children will also be taking part in a range of fun and interesting activities. To celebrate the children's hard work we will be having a non-uniform day at the end of the week, 'Blue Friday', and children are invited to come dressed in something blue (not school uniform). There will be no charge. We hope as always that you will support this important week and help your child to be aware of the dangers of bullying.

Book bags are now available from the school office priced at £2.95.



## Christmas Fayre

Our annual **Christmas Fayre** takes place on Friday 3rd December from 3.30-5.00pm in the hall. Please send in donations of bottles, soft drinks, chocolate, toys, teddy bears, books, toiletries etc for our tombola. If any parents are able to get any donations of gift vouchers/prizes from their workplace for raffle prizes we would again be extremely grateful. Any offer of help would also be most welcome. Please see Mrs Cox, our Extended School's Co-ordinator.



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### Year 1 Visit



Year 1 enjoyed a blustery but brilliant visit to Warkworth Castle earlier this week to support their topic work this term on 'Castles and Kingdoms'. They learned about the history of the castle and how the people lived there some six hundred years ago. The boys and girls also took part in some medieval dancing. It was most pleasing to hear the staff at the castle say how impressed they were with the knowledge and behaviour of the children - well done Year 1! A special big thank you to those parents who helped on the day.

### Year 2 Exhibition

A reminder to our Year 2 parents that next Tuesday morning the children are putting on an exhibition to showcase their work on 'The Great Fire of Gateshead'. They will be reporting on the significant events of this important date in our local history, singing songs which they have composed and sharing their work. Refreshments will be served from 9.00am in the community room.



### Playground and Learning Environment



The new line markings and picnic tables with games on installed in the playground over half term are proving very popular with the children and have certainly helped to enhance their learning and play provision at break and lunchtimes.

Work began on Monday on our new environmental area behind the multi-use games area and already the pond design is taking shape and the jetty is being constructed. Let's hope the recent poor weather doesn't prove too much of a hindrance and we see further progress next week.

### Attendance Initiative

We are currently running another attendance incentive scheme in partnership with the local authority's education welfare service. All those children who achieve 100% attendance for this half term up until Friday 3rd December will be entered in to a draw to win a pair of tickets for a forthcoming Newcastle Eagles Basketball home game on Friday 17th December.



## Sport

**Swimming:** A reminder that it is now the turn of Class 6S to go swimming on Thursday afternoons at the new Blaydon Pool.



**Gymnastics:** Our gymnastics club takes place after school on Mondays. There are still a few spaces for any interested boys from Year 2 upwards. Any parent who would like their son to attend should see our coach, Julie Brydon, on Monday at the end of school in the hall.



**Karate:** Our karate club operates on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5-6.30pm in the school hall and is open to any of our children. If you are interested in joining do go along to see the instructor, Brian Taylor-Allen.

## Jars of Grace

This year we are once again supporting St Nicholas' Church **Jars of Grace** appeal in aid of UNICEF's Emergency Fund, which ensures a rapid and effective response to disasters. To support this appeal, all classes will be making their own collections. Please remember to send in any loose change you may have in an envelope marked 'Jars of Grace'.



## Christmas Beanies'



It's that time of year again - we are selling 'Christmas Beanies' in aid of **St Oswald's Hospice**. There are four different beanies to choose from priced at £1.50 each: two different snowmen, a santa and a reindeer. Some of our Year 6 girls are also making clothes for the Beanies for an extra 20p.

## School Admissions

A reminder to our current Nursery parents that the closing date for returning application forms for next year's Reception group intake is Saturday 15th January 2011.



**School dinner** menu next week is **Week 1**.



A reminder that as part of our Healthy School programme, we ask that children do not bring chocolate or fizzy drinks in their packed lunches.

## Weekly Newsletter

If you would like to sponsor our Weekly Newsletter, please see Mrs Hogarth, our School Business Manager, in the General Office.

### School Website

[www.dunstonhillprimary.org.uk](http://www.dunstonhillprimary.org.uk)



### Beehive Club

The Beehive Club which provides quality affordable childcare provision before and after school is now situated in the Lifelong Learning Centre in front of the main gates on Market Lane. The Breakfast Club operates from 8.00-9.00am and the After School Club from 3.15-6.00pm. If you require further information, please call in to the Club or telephone either 07986673950 or 07979734312.



## Special Awards



**Year Group Awards** were presented today to the following children:

Reception: Poppy Dixon Class RC      Year 1: Olivia Thompson Class 1A  
Year 2: Sophie Rowland Class 2S      Year 3: Jaimie Yates Class 3T  
Year 4: Holly Spoor-Gemmell Class 4G      Year 5: Emily Clark Class 5D  
Year 6: Hannah Byrne Class 6S

Well done to you all, we are very proud of you.



**Class Awards** this week were presented to Class 1S in Key Stage 1 and to Class 3T in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

**Attendance:** This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2A/R in Key Stage 1 who achieved 99.30% attendance rate for week ending Friday 5th November and to Class 4G (also with 99.30%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 95.90% - back on track everyone - WELL DONE!

