

## Weekly Newsletter

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### 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: Ian Atkinson Class RG      Year 1: Joe Gwynn Class 1L  
Year 2: Agatha Elliott Class 2A/W      Year 3: Thomas Hunnam Class 3R  
Year 4: Ellie Guyan Class 4A      Year 5: Brooke Duggan Class 5SB  
Year 6: Ryan Burn Class 6A

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



**Class Awards** this week were presented to Class RC in Reception/Key Stage 1 and to Class 4D in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

**Attendance:** This week's attendance awards were presented to Class RG in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved 99.30% attendance rate for week ending Friday 7 October and to Class 5SB (with a fantastic 100%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 96.70% - another super effort everyone! Keep it up.



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### Autumn Discos

Autumn discos have been arranged after school next Tuesday in the hall for all of the children. Times are as follows:

Rec, Yrs 1 and 2: 4.00-5.00pm

Yrs 3 and 4: 5.15-6.15pm

Yrs 5 and 6: 6.30-7.30pm

Entrance is £1.50 and includes a drink and crisps. Please note that all children are expected to be collected by an adult after each disco.



### School Photographs

Arrangements with our school photographer ran smoothly on Wednesday and we hope that the results will be to your liking and show the children in their true colours - smiling and dressed smartly. Special class photographs were taken of our new Reception children and also of Class 6A children in their final year at Dunston Hill. Class 6S will have their photograph taken next month as Mrs Snowball was attending a training course on the day.



### Weekly Newsletter

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Coffee Morning every Friday at 9am in our community room. Do come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

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## China Visit



As stated in our last newsletter, Mr Foreman will be embarking on a cultural exchange visit next week to China with a number of other headteacher colleagues from Gateshead. Mrs Watkins will therefore assume the role of Headteacher in his absence.

## Parent Consultations

As stated in our earlier correspondence, parent consultations have been arranged for Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 November to discuss children's progress to date. A letter with more details will be sent out to all parents next Monday and reply slips should be returned by Wednesday with your preferred date and appointment.



## Year 4 Visit



Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Segedunum on Tuesday where they had the opportunity to meet Maximus the Roman soldier and learn about life in the Roman army. Maximus had them dressing up as soldiers and practising marching and defence. They also had the chance to explore the remains of the Roman fort and to observe the artefacts that had been found from Roman times.

## Walk to School Week

We will once again be supporting the national 'Walk to School Week' initiative next month to encourage more and more of our parents and children to leave the car at home and to walk to school. Next week we will be carrying out a whole school pupil travel data collection exercise to gather up to date information on the current mode the children usually use to come to and from school. This will help us to plan suitable activities for the above initiative.



## School Admissions



A reminder to our Year 6 parents that the closing date for returning application forms for secondary school places is 31 October 2011. Forms can be returned to school, directly to the civic centre or you can apply online.

## Sport

**Football:** Our first football league fixtures were sadly abandoned due to a waterlogged pitch at Lobley Hill this week. It is likely that the rescheduled games will take place soon after half term and we will keep you posted on further details nearer the time. The poor weather did not stop however our Community footballers enjoying door session with their coach James. With two more Wednesdays to go, the competition is hotting up for 'The Best Attitude' award so keep working hard boys and girls!



**Schools' Fantasy League:** All entries for the Fantasy Football need to be in by tomorrow when the competition begins. If anyone would still like to register a team they can do so by going onto [www.schoolsfl.com](http://www.schoolsfl.com) and using the school's pin number 3791.

**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:** A reminder that 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.



## Uniform Orders

The deadline date for placing an order online for new uniform is Friday 28 October. Delivery will be approximately three weeks after this date. Please remember to measure your child beforehand using the size guide as garments are all made to order and any returns are not accepted. A reminder that the website address for placing an order is: [www.stparent.co.uk](http://www.stparent.co.uk).



Next week will see the retirement of one of our swimming teachers, Mrs Dillon, who has been working with our children at Dunston Leisure Centre for many years now. We will presenting her with some flowers on Wednesday.

**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.

