

## 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 behind the main gates on Market Lane. The Breakfast Club operates from 7.45-9.00am 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: Olivia Pinto Class RM      Year 1: Sean Mansfield Class 1S  
Year 2: Loraine Papong Class 2A      Year 3: Chloe Ritchie Class 3G  
Year 4: Ellie Cook Class 4A      Year 5: Rebecca Richardson Class 5A  
Year 6: Jemma Coulson Class 6G

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



**Class Awards** this week were presented to Class RA in Reception/Key Stage 1 and to Class 6G in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

**Attendance Award:** This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2G in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved 98.90% attendance rate for week ending Friday 18 December and to Class 3R (99.30%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 96.70% - a SUPERB way everyone to round the year off!



## Dunston Hill Community Primary School



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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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### Happy New Year!

After last week's interrupted start to the new term can we offer a warm welcome back to everyone and a very happy and prosperous New Year. We hope that we see an improvement in the weather so that we can resume all of our normal day-to-day activities.



### Important Dates for the Diary

A reminder that term dates and school holidays for the remainder of this academic year are:

Spring Term 2010:      Mon 4 Jan — Thurs 1 Apr  
Half term: 15 — 19 Feb  
Summer Term 2010:      Mon 19 Apr — Thurs 22 Jul  
Half term: 31 May — 4 June

School will also be closed to the children on Monday 3 May (May Day). An occasional day has still to be arranged for the summer term.

Parent consultations are scheduled for Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 March.

Key Stage 2 SATs week for Year 6 will be from Monday 10 to Friday 14 May.

Valentine discos are on Tuesday 9 February.

A special farewell and celebration assembly for Reverend Teasdale is on Friday 12 February.



Years 3 and 4 will be performing their production at the end of this term ... dates still to be finalised.

## Curriculum Overviews



This term's Curriculum Overview will be sent home on Monday for each respective year group. Once again we hope that you find this addition to our home/school communication arrangements informative and helpful. Our enrichment programme continues with visiting specialist staff employed to work with the children in the creative and performing arts.

## Trainee Teacher

We are currently playing host to a trainee teacher, Miss Barratt, who is teaching in Year 1 alongside Mrs Turnbull until half term. Miss Barratt has enjoyed her first full week in school and has already learnt a great deal about the profession. The children in turn have continued to work hard and make good progress.



## New School Meals Menu (next week is Week 3 on the menu)



We have been delighted with the response to our new school meals menu and arrangements. The take up has been most encouraging and we have seen an increasing number of children opting to stay for a school meal. The dish of the day is proving very popular as are the various jacket potato choices.

## Family Learning

Would you like to gain more confidence with computers while also learning basic ICT skills with your child? Then look no further as we will be running a six week family learning course every Monday afternoon from 1.15-3.15pm starting on 25 January. For more information please contact Mrs Cox, our Extended School Co-ordinator.



## Superdad 2010



The Gateshead Family Learning Team are running a seven week course to find the town's 'Superdad 2010.' The course is free, fun and exciting and includes activities at Whickham Thorns, Gateshead Football Club and lots more. So if you think your dad/carer is up for a challenge then please call the Team on 0191 4338678 to sign up.

## Attendance Initiative

A reminder that our attendance and punctuality initiative began last week. All children who arrive for school on time and have 100% attendance for the four-week period from 4 January will have the opportunity to win a pair of Newcastle United football tickets against Cardiff City on Saturday 6 February.

## Sport

**Fantasy Football:** A special mention must go to Cavan Garretty (Class 4C) who currently leads the school's fantasy football competition with an impressive 185 points. His team, 'Cav's Cougars', sit comfortably fourteen points clear of second placed team, 'Breeny's Dream Team United', managed by Naithan Breen (Class 6G), and well ahead of any adult managed opposition. Remember Cav though, as yer man Fergie says: "it's a marathon and not a sprint and experience counts!"



**Swimming:** Our older children in Year 6 are practising hard for this year's Gateshead Inner West Schools' Swimming Gala which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 2 March at Felling Pool. Further details will be sent home soon for those children who will be chosen to represent our school.



We have just been informed that Dunston Pool is to undergo a major refurbishment later this term and our last scheduled visit for Year 6 is on Wednesday 3 March. We are hoping that we will be able to use the new Blaydon Pool in the interim period thereafter and secure some pool time there each week.

**Gymnastics:** Our gymnastics club has started up again this week after school on Mondays. There are some 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.



## Thank You

We received a lovely letter this week from the Children and Families Department based at The Young People's Support Centre in Gateshead to thank our children for all the food and groceries donated after our Harvest Festival last term. Some of the 'hampers' went to young people who live alone and don't have any family support.

