

## 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 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: Layla Rae Class RH      Year 1: Chloe Clark Class 1M  
Year 2: Holly Spoor-Gemmell Class 2A      Year 3: Owen Breaton Class 3A  
Year 4: Shauna Lewis Class 4A      Year 5: Megan Watson Class 5G1  
Year 6: Philip McClarence-Topping Class 6G  
Well done to you all, we are very proud of you.

**Class Awards** this week were presented to Class 2S in Key Stage 1 and to Class 6D in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

**Attendance Award:** This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 1M in Key Stage 1 who achieved 100.00% attendance rate for week ending Friday 8 May and to Class 5G1 again (97.90%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 94.40% - a little disappointing given the high standard of recent weeks!



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### Spring Fayre

St Nicolas' Church Hall

Saturday 16 May

10.00am



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### Professional Development Day



A reminder that the children break up for the half term holiday next Thursday as the staff at school will be holding a professional development day on Friday 22 May. School re-opens on Monday 1 June. Let's hope for lots of sunshine and dry weather over the next few weeks!

### Well Done!

A special well done to all those children who have completed their SATs and other assessment work this past week. They have all worked extremely hard and given of their best. We are very proud of them all and hope that the forthcoming results are just reward for the children's efforts. Many thanks to parents for your continued support and understanding.



### 'Walk Once a Week'

Next week we are launching a new scheme, as it is National 'Walk to School' Week, to encourage our children to walk to and from school at least once a week. Our staff will be walking to school on Wednesday 20 May and will be starting at different points around Dunston.

If you would like to join us then come along to any one of the following meeting points between 8.30 and 8.45:

\* Dunston Baths \* St Nicholas' Church \* Whickham Thorns \* Main gates to Dunston Park \*

'Happy Walking!'



### School Book Fair



A reminder that a School Book Fair has been arranged for next week. We will be open each day from 3.15-4.00pm in the community room. We are able to earn up to 60% commission from Scholastic to buy books for our own school library, so again this will be an excellent source to help promote the importance of reading at

Dunston Hill.

### Nursery Admissions

Nursery admission numbers for this forthcoming academic year are again healthy and harp well for the future. There are a few afternoon places remaining for any child aged three before 1st September 2009. Please contact the school office if you have not as yet put your child's name down for a place.



### Nursery Visits



Next week our two Nursery groups will be making their annual visit to Hall Hill Farm. We are sure that the children will have a fantastic time seeing all of the animals and riding on the tractor. There will be much for them to take in and they should all be exhausted and sleep well. Fingers crossed for a dry day on both Tuesday and Wednesday.

### Adult Learning Award

We were delighted to receive a special award this week at Gateshead's Adult Learning Presentation evening. We were nominated in the 'Best Venue' category and were runners up overall. Our commitment to hosting courses for the school community was acknowledged with particular thanks to the hospitality on offer. Mrs Redpath and Mrs Cox represented the school.



### Cycle Training



The final cycle training session for our Year 5 children is on Wednesday 20 May. The children will be assessed on both their cycling skills and knowledge of the Highway Code.

### Sport

**Cricket:** Sadly, Mr Armstrong and the ten unlucky cricketers from Years 4 and 5 returned to school early today after rain prevented any play in the NPower Test match between England and the West Indies at the Riverside Ground. The children, however, didn't come back empty handed and the free souvenirs they received went some way towards making up for their disappointment.



**Multi-sports:** Our Year 5 children will also have the opportunity to work with a group of physical education students from Gateshead College on Monday in a range of multi-sports.

**Gymnastics:** There are places available for any boys in Key Stage 2 who would like to join the Gymnastics Club after school on Monday evenings from next September. Anyone who is interested should go along and see our coach, Julie Brydon, in the upper Key Stage 2 hall.



Provisional dates for this year's **Sports Days** have been arranged as follows:

Mon., 29 June (1.45pm): Years 5 and 6

Tues, 30 June (1.45pm): Reception, Years 1 and 2

Wed, 1 July (1.45pm): Years 3 and 4

This year we will be able to hold all of our sports days on our new school field.

**Don't forget PE kits and sandshoes / training shoes this term!**



### Active Kids

Our school is once again taking part in the Sainsbury's Active Kids campaign. Last year, with your help, we collected over 5,000 vouchers which we were able to exchange for a range of new PE resources. The scheme this year runs until 3 June 2009 and up until this time you will receive one Active Kids voucher for every £10 you spend at Sainsbury's, including petrol stations and when you shop online at [www.sainsburys.co.uk](http://www.sainsburys.co.uk). There is no limit to how many Active Kids vouchers our school can collect, so we hope that you will spread the word to your family, friends and colleagues so that we can continue to ensure that we provide our children with the latest and most up to date equipment for in and out of the classroom. Our Active Kids collection box is located outside the staffroom in the learning zone.

