

Weekly Newsletter

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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: Abbie Guyan Class RA Year 1: Bailey Wood Class 1T
Year 2: Timothy Davis Class 2G Year 3: Aimee Musham Class 3R
Year 4: Aimee Blackburn Class 4C Year 5: Matthew Brayson Class 5S
Year 6: Kyle Bradley Class 6S
Well done to you all, we are very proud of you.



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

Attendance Award: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2G (again) in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved 98.50% attendance rate for week ending Friday 15 January and to Class 3G (97.60%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 94.80% - a pretty good effort everyone.



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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.

Reverend Teasdale



As you will be aware from last week's newsletter, Reverend Teasdale will sadly be leaving his parish here in Dunston to take up a new promoted position as the vicar of St Cuthbert's Church in Carlisle and the City Centre Chaplain. It goes without saying that he will be greatly missed by all in our community. His work with our school, both as a governor and friend, goes back a number of years and we are indebted to him for his loyal support and hard work. As a mark of our gratitude, we will be making a collection for him. If you would like to make a contribution, this can be done through the school office. We will be holding a special whole school assembly next month when we will wish him well before he takes up his new post and present him with a farewell gift on behalf of everyone.

Admissions

Currently, we have a total of 457 children on roll from Nursery up to Year 6 and only a few places left in each year group. Applications for next year's two Reception classes are again very good and bode well for the future. There are a few places left for next year's Nursery cohort and application forms are available from the school office for any children who will be three years old on 31 August 2010.



Our next **school discos** are planned for Tuesday 9 February for all year groups. Further details to follow in due course.

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Curriculum Overviews



We trust that earlier this week you all received a copy of this term's Curriculum Overview for your child's respective year group. We hope that you found this addition to our home/school communication arrangements informative and helpful. Parent consultations have been arranged for later this term on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 March.

Reading Project

We were pleased to learn that we were successful in our bid to take part in a project run by the local authority to support children's reading. Some of our Year 1 pupils will benefit over the coming weeks from extra funding to provide additional support. We will continue to look for further opportunities to access external funding for other year groups to enjoy.



Family Learning



A reminder that we will be running the first of our Family Learning computer courses in our excellent ICT suite on Monday 25 January from 1-3pm. The course, which is open to mams, dads, grandparents and carers of children in school, will run for four consecutive weeks and cover basic ICT skills. Those who have already applied have got a place and are asked to meet in

the ICT suite via the main entrance once they have taken their children to their respective classroom.

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.



Don't forget that this weekend St Nicholas Church will be performing their pantomime 'Cinderella'. Tickets are priced at £4.00 for adults and £3.00 for children. Call Joan Garrell on 4606014 or the Parish Office on 4609327 for availability.

Attendance Initiative

A reminder that our attendance and punctuality initiative began the first week back this term. 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 Friday 5 February.



Gateshead Council has teamed up with Hays Travel, the UK's largest independently owned travel agent, to reduce the cost of family holidays taken outside of school term time by 10%. This discount can be taken off any holiday booked before 31 August 2011. A leaflet is enclosed outlining the details of this offer.

Sport

Swimming: Our older children in Year 6 are continuing to practise 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

The total raised from our 'Poppy Appeal' last term was £152.48, which is a really good show everyone. The local honorary organiser wrote to thank all who donated and said that without support like ours The Royal British Legion would be unable to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work.



St Nicholas Church are holding a special family service on Sunday 7 February at 10am followed by coffee in the Church Hall.