

# Dunston Hill Community Primary School



## Traffic Management Meeting

On Monday we will be hosting a very important meeting regarding the very serious issues and concerns we all have in connection with the traffic management and safety on the roads in and around our school. Representatives from various sectors of the local authority and council will be in attendance including Transport and Highways, Planning, the Police and senior staff from Kingsmeadow School. There are some proposed plans to improve pedestrian crossing facilities and access which we look forward to hearing about. It is our intention to use this meeting to emphasise the need to act quickly and coherently, keeping the school and community informed at all times. You will be aware that this has been a concern for some time and we have been working behind the scenes to bring the seriousness of the issues to the attention of the various agencies involved. We hope that this meeting will be a step towards a co-ordinated solution. Please be assured that the health and safety of the children is always our priority.



## Occasional Day

The date for our outstanding occasional day has been finalised as **Friday 19 June** when school will be closed to the children.

Our next **school discos** are planned for Thursday 5 February for all year groups. Further details to follow in due course.

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## PE Kits

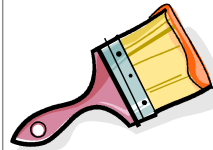
Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit to school on the required days each week.



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### The Magic Paintbrush



Our Reception, Year 1 and 2 children really enjoyed watching a special play this afternoon performed by drama students from Gateshead College about a 'magic paintbrush'. The performance was a great way to round off the week for our youngest children.

### CLC Visit

Year 4 enjoyed their second visit to Heworth CLC in as many weeks yesterday. Class 4A developed their 'immaginations' through story writing based on the tale of George and the Dragon. They also enjoyed working with spreadsheets and used their understanding of co-ordinates brilliantly from Numeracy. Class 4C loved their day working on animations with Mrs Langley and created some excellent short films as a result ... we look forward to watching them back in the classroom!



### Nursery Parent Workshop



Mrs Spencer and her team have organised a workshop for Nursery parents on Tuesday 10 February at 9.15am. The focus will be on how children learn during their nursery year and how parents can support their children's learning at home. A letter with further details will be given out next week to those parents who would like and are able to attend the workshop.

### Special Thank You Letter

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.



**Keyboards:** We currently have a few spaces for children in key stage 2 who would like to learn to play the keyboard. If interested please see Mrs Colby in the general office.

## Sport

**Football:** Good luck to the Year 6 football team who will be competing in the Gateshead Primary Schools 5-a-side finals at Whickham Comprehensive School on Tuesday night. We hope that the team will enjoy the occasion and give of their best - remember boys that teamwork is the name of the game!



**Coaching:** The second Year 4 football session with the Newcastle Community Football coaches was again well received by those who took part on Wednesday night. It is encouraging to see so many children participating and we look forward to seeing the boys and girls practising their new skills on our Wembley-like field when the warm weather comes.



**Dance and Skipping Clubs:** Both clubs are proving very popular with the children and it's great to see them working so hard to rehearse their various routines for the forthcoming Dance and Skipping Festivals. This year the venue for the former is The Sage - this should be an exhilarating experience for those taking part and something they will remember for a long time.

**Fun Fitness:** Our visiting trainer, Mrs Perkins, has been highly complimentary about the progress children in her Fun Fitness class are making and she would like to commend them for their effort and enthusiasm.



## Family Learning



A reminder that the second of our Family Learning computer sessions takes place next Tuesday from 9-11am in our new ICT Centre. We hope that those parents who attended the first session earlier this week found it helpful in offering tuition in basic ICT skills and the opportunity to practise what they had learnt.

## Sinbad the Sailor

A special good luck to those children who are taking part in this year's St Nicholas Church pantomime 'Sinbad the Sailor' with Reverend Teasdale and other members of his congregation. We hope that the first performance last night was a success and that tonight and tomorrow will be just as entertaining.



## 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 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: Jenna Loraine Class RA      Year 1: Ellie Gyan Class 1T  
Year 2: Jamie Swinney Class 2S      Year 3: Jack Rocks Class 3R  
Year 4: Jessica Robson Class 4C      Year 5: Will Rayne Class 5Gn  
Year 6: Matthew McTeer Class 6D

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

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

**Attendance Award:** This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2S in Key Stage 1 who achieved 99.30% attendance rate for week ending Friday 16 January and to Class 4C (97.80%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 94.50% - we're getting closer to our target figure of 95%.

