

Weekly Newsletter

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www.dunstonhillprimary.org.uk



Beehive Club

The Beehive Club which provides quality affordable childcare provision before and after school is 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: Corey Scott Class RM Year 1: Sophie Rowland Class 1S
Year 2: Jaimie Yates Class 2A Year 3: Kaitlyn Guest Class 3G
Year 4: Ellie Hiscock Class 4A Year 5: Reece McCullough Class 5A
Year 6: Thomas Mein Class 6G

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



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

Attendance Award: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class RA in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved 99.30% attendance rate for week ending Friday 22 January and to Classes 5A and 6G (97.90%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 95.40% - another good week everyone and above our target of 95%.



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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



A reminder that we will be holding a special whole school assembly next month when we will wish Reverend Teasdale well and present him with a farewell gift on behalf of everyone before he takes up his new post as the vicar of St Cuthbert's Church in Carlisle and the City Centre Chaplain. If you would like to make a contribution towards his farewell gift, this can be done through the school office.

Church Panto



A special well done to those children who took part in last weekend's panto, 'Cinderella', at St Nicholas Church. Their individual performances shone through.

Valentine Disco

Don't forget it's our Valentine Disco in the hall on Tuesday 9 February. The times for the three respective age groups are:

4-5pm Reception, Years 1 and 2

5.15-6.15pm Years 3 and 4

6.30-7.30pm Years 5 and 6

Entrance is £1.50 payable on the door and includes a drink and crisps.

We hope to see you there with your dancing shoes on.



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Nursery Admissions



A reminder that there are still 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.

Steel Pans

Next week some lucky children in key stage 2 will have the opportunity to learn to play the steel pans with staff and students from Kingsmeadow School. This is the first of the three week sessions and we are sure that our children will really enjoy this experience. A number of the current steel pans band at Kingsmeadow are ex-pupils from Dunston Hill so the children will be following in good steps.



Family Learning

Well done to all the parents / carers who attended our first Family Learning computer course last Monday in our excellent ICT suite. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed learning alongside their children. The course covers basic ICT skills and will run for three more consecutive Monday afternoons from 1-3pm. There are still a few places available for anyone interested in going along - do call into the general office for more details.



Friends of Dunston Hill

Thank you to everyone who replied to our 'Friends of Dunston Hill Community Primary School' invitation. Our first meeting will be on Monday 1 February at 3.20pm in the ICT Suite, where we can all share our ideas for future fundraising events.



Parent Consultations



A reminder that parent consultations have been arranged later this term on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 March. A progress update will be provided with future targets.

Attendance Initiative



A reminder that our attendance and punctuality initiative finished today. All of those children who have arrived 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. They will have their names placed in a hat and a draw will take place to select the winners next Friday morning during our special Attendance Presentation Assembly when we will be joined by Diane Surtees from the Gateshead Education Welfare Service. We have three pairs of tickets as prizes for three lucky children.

Sport

Swimming: Our older children in Year 6 have been practising hard for this year's Gateshead Inner West Schools' Swimming Gala scheduled to take place on Tuesday 2 March at Felling Pool. The team has now been selected and we wish them every success in what is sure to be an enjoyable evening. Further details will be sent home nearer the time for those children involved.



Netball: Good luck to those Year 5 and 6 children who will be taking part in a netball tournament on Monday afternoon at Kingsmeadow against other local primary schools. Miss Baud and Mrs Cox have been very impressed with the children's sporting attitudes and prowess.



Gymnastics: Our gymnastics club which takes place after school on Mondays currently has 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.

Coffee Morning

At next week's coffee morning on Friday, the school nurse will be popping in for a general chat about 'women's health'. This will be a fairly informal meeting and all are welcome to come along to discuss any issues or concerns they may have.



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