

Dunston Hill Community Primary School



Traffic Management Meeting



Following our meeting on Monday with representatives from the local authority and council, we will be sending home a letter next week outlining the proposed improvements to traffic management and safety in and around our school. We emphasised the serious concerns of all and strongly advised that action should be taken as a matter of urgency.

Special Visitor

Today we received a very special visit from our local MP, Councillor Clelland. He took time out from his busy schedule to come and take a look around our new school and to see how well we have settled in. He was very impressed with the facilities and amenities on offer and thanked the staff and children for all of their hard work. He certainly left with a favourable impression and wished the school every success in the future.

Valentine Disco

Next Thursday we will be holding our Valentine Disco in the hall. 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.



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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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Year 1's Special Visitor



Last Friday the two Year 1 classes took part in a fantastic toy workshop as part of their work on Toys: Past and Present. Richard Stevenson, the Education Officer at Gateshead Heritage @ St Mary's, came dressed in smart Victorian clothes - including a bowler hat - and gave the children the opportunity to look at and play with a selection of old artefacts and toys.

Richard's enthusiasm for his work inspired the children and everyone had a wonderful time.

"I loved using the old iron on the carpet!" Caitlin Parkin (Class 1T).

Richard was very keen that we are all aware of the newly reopened Heritage Centre which is opposite The Sage Gateshead. If you go for a walk along the Quayside it would be worth walking a little way further up the hill to find out some more about Gateshead's fascinating past.

Road Safety Talk

Our Nursery and Reception children received a special visit on Tuesday this week from Mrs Hart who works for the council's Road Safety team. They learned about keeping safe when out and about, to wear bright clothes when in the dark and always to hold a grown-ups hand. It was a fun session and the boys and girls enjoyed singing some lovely songs in connection with the visit. Mrs Hart will be returning to see the children in the summer term to follow up her talk.



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.

Important Dates

Parent consultations are scheduled later this term for Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 March (Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 March for Nursery and Class 3R).

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

Sport

Football: Congratulations to the Year 6 5-a-side football team who gave a spirited display in the district finals at Whickham Comprehensive School on Tuesday night. An excellent start was made with a crushing 5-0 victory over Clover Hill and a battling 0-0 draw with Highfield which put us in a great position for victory. However, a 1-0 loss to Front Street in the final game wasn't quite enough despite endless shots on goal and bad luck - the opposition goalkeeper was in commanding form. Thank you to all parents who came along in support. We now look forward to the remaining 7-a-side league games and friendlies coming up after half term.



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.

Swimming: Our older children in Year 6 have been practising hard for this year's Gateshead Inner West Schools' Swimming Gala which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 3rd March at Felling Pool. Further details will be sent home soon for those children who have been chosen to represent our school.



Coffee Morning



A reminder that our next 'coffee morning drop in' is on Tuesday. Why not pop along to our community room between 9-10am for a coffee and a chat with other members of our school community. 50p for a cuppa and a biscuit.

Blow the Wind Southerly

Members of the Gateshead Schools' Music team will be hosting a special 'Children's Hour' concert on Saturday 7 February from 2-3pm in The Shipley Art Gallery. They will be singing and playing favourite songs from Tyneside and travelling back in time to 1850. Children and parents are most welcome. There is no charge so why not go along for what we are sure will be an entertaining and fun-filled hour.



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



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: Dylan Surtees Class RH Year 1: Ryan Pharoah Class 1M
Year 2: Abbie Watson Class 2A Year 3: Kieron Peacock Class 3A
Year 4: Rebecca Smails Class 4A Year 5: Matthew Dobson Class 5G
Year 6: Dylan Gray Class 6G

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

Class Awards this week were presented to Class 1M in 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 2S again in Key Stage 1 who achieved 98.60% attendance rate for week ending Friday 23 January and to Class 3A (99.70%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 94.90% - we're getting even closer to our target figure of 95% - keep it up everyone!

