

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: Jasmine Watson Class RM Year 1: Alexander Dickson Class 1S
Year 2: Luke Robson Class 2AR Year 3: Tim Davis Class 3R
Year 4: Katelyn Dwyer Class 4A Year 5: Rebecca Stokell Class 5G
Year 6: Megan Hamilton Class 6A
Well done to you all, we are very proud of you.



Class Awards this week were presented to Class 1A in Reception/Key Stage 1 and to Class 5G in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

Attendance Award: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 1S in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved a 97.30% attendance rate for week ending Friday 15 April and to Class 4A (99.60%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 95.00% - another very good week everyone!



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'Friends of Dunston Hill'

meeting in the community room on Monday 9 May at 3.30pm.

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Important Dates for the Diary

A reminder that term dates and school holidays for the remainder of this academic year are:

Summer Term 2011: Tues 3 May – Wed 20 Jul

Half term: 30 May – 3 June

As stated in an earlier newsletter, school will also be closed on Monday 6 June in lieu of the Royal Wedding.

Good Luck!



Good luck to all those children who will be completing end of key stage assessments and SATs next week in school. Our children in Years 2 and 6 have been working extremely hard in preparation and we know that they will all give of their best. Similarly, children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will also be undertaking assessment work to support their teachers' judgements of progress to date.

Fundraising Evening

This year's fundraising event will again be held at Dunston Social Club ('The Clav') on Saturday 14 May from 7pm. The night will be headlined by the "Young Drifters" who promise to make it a night full of soul music, dancing and much fun. Tickets are on sale at the school office or the Club itself for just £5.00 each. There will be a raffle and other chances to win some great prizes. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.



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 1 September 2011. Please contact the school office if you have not as yet put your child's name down for a place.

Walk to School Week

As part of our School Travel Plan, we will taking part in Walk to School Week from 16-20 May. The children will be involved in a range of initiatives and activities to encourage them to take to foot and walk to school whenever possible.



Family Maths Learning



Our maths family learning programme starts on Monday 16 May in the community room. The six workshops will include investigating maths patterns, making board games, cooking and lots more. Anyone who would like to go along should contact Mrs Cox, our extended school co-ordinator.

Curriculum Overviews

This term's Curriculum Overviews will be sent home on Monday 16 May for each respective year group. Once again we hope that you find this addition to our home/school communication arrangements informative and helpful. Our enrichment programme continues with visiting specialist staff employed to work with the children in the creative and performing arts.



Further Attendance Initiative



Our latest attendance initiative with the local authority's education welfare service and Hays Travel runs from 3 May to 8 July when anyone with full attendance will be entered into a draw with a first prize of £500 holiday vouchers for the winning pupil's family.

Sport

Football: A special well done to the two Year 4 school teams who took part in the football festival at the 'Complete Football' complex in Gosforth Park on the last Friday before Easter. Both teams played really well and were a credit to school. We certainly have some impressive young talent coming through which Mr Armstrong took careful note of.



Equally pleasing this week was the excellent turnout from our Year 1 and 2 boys and girls who took part in their first coaching session with the Newcastle Community Football. Judging by the rolled down socks and rosy red cheeks, they really enjoyed themselves.

Cricket: There was also a canny turn out for the Years 4 and 6 cricket club on Thursday and they enjoyed working with Matt Parr, the resident professional at Whickham Cricket Club.



Swimming: Our two Year 5 classes also enjoyed their first swimming lesson at the new Dunston Leisure Centre on Wednesday afternoon. The facilities are certainly most impressive and we are most fortunate to have them so close to school.

Gymnastics: A reminder that our Gymnastics Club recomences on Monday 9 May. There are still some spaces for any interested boys from Year 2 upwards but we have a long waiting list for girls.



Active Kids 2011



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 31 May 2011 and up until this time you will receive one Active Kids voucher for every £10 you spend at main Sainsbury's stores, including petrol stations and when you shop online.

School dinner menu on Monday is Week 3. A reminder that as part of our Healthy School programme, we ask that children do not bring chocolate or fizzy drinks in their packed lunches.

A reminder that the price of a school meal is now £1.90 a day or £9.50 a week. Cheques should be made payable to Dunston Hill Community Primary School.

