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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we progress through the academic year, I am delighted to share with you a series of exciting developments and upcoming events at Blaydon West Primary School. Our commitment to providing an enriching educational experience remains steadfast, and I am confident that the following information will serve to reinforce the strong partnership between our school and our community.

### **Educational Visits**

We are pleased to announce that educational visits are now being scheduled, offering our pupils invaluable opportunities to expand their horizons beyond the classroom. These excursions are meticulously planned to complement our curriculum and provide hands-on learning experiences that will undoubtedly leave lasting impressions on our young minds.

### **Website Update**

Our new website has officially launched, marking a significant step forward in our digital presence. While it is currently in its nascent stages, we anticipate improvements over the forthcoming weeks. The site will soon be populated with a wealth of information about classroom activities, providing a window into the vibrant learning environment we foster. Additionally, our school calendar will be updated, ensuring you remain well-informed about all upcoming events and important dates.

### **Jeans for Genes Day**

Next Friday, we will be participating in the nationwide Jeans for Genes Day. Pupils are encouraged to wear jeans to school, symbolising our collective support for this worthy cause. We kindly request that all donations be made directly through the official Jeans for Genes website. Throughout the day, our pupils will engage in DNA-specific activities, enhancing their understanding of genetics. We encourage you to engage your children in discussions about their learning experiences on this day.

## Harvest Collection

In the spirit of community service, we are organising a harvest collection for our local food bank Feeding Families. We kindly request that all donations be brought to school by Friday, 11th October. Our pupils will commemorate this charitable endeavour with a special assembly.

Please only send these items below.

Instant mash/tinned potatoes	Baked beans/tinned spaghetti	Rice (max 1kg)*
Tinned vegetables	Tea/coffee	Soup - packets/tins
Tinned tomatoes	Sandwich spread paste/jam	Soap/shampoo/shower gel
Tinned fruit	Cereal (max 500g)*	Biscuits
Cooking sauce (packets/jars)	Pasta (max 500g)*	Custard/rice pudding/angel delight

**Key Stage 2 Election:** Today, our Key Stage 2 pupils held their elections for pupil representatives, an exciting step in developing leadership and responsibility. Each student had the chance to cast their vote, just like in a real election, using an authentic voting booth! It was a great opportunity for them to experience democracy in action and understand the importance of making their voices heard.



## Weather Considerations

As the autumnal chill begins to permeate the air, we kindly remind all parents to ensure their children come to school equipped with appropriate outerwear. The unpredictable British weather necessitates that our pupils are prepared for all eventualities.

## PE Uniform Reminder

We would like to reiterate that PE uniforms should only be worn on designated PE days. Your cooperation in maintaining our uniform standards is greatly appreciated.

## Meet the Teacher Events

We have scheduled 'Meet the Teacher' events for each year group. These sessions provide an excellent opportunity for parents to familiarise themselves with their child's teacher and gain insights into the year ahead. The dates are as follows:



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Year 1: Wednesday, 18th September Year 2 and Year 3: Monday, 16th September Year 4 and Year 6: Tuesday, 17th September Year 5: Thursday, 19th September

### **Macmillan Cake Day**

On Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September we will host a fundraising cake day for Macmillan Cancer Care. Cakes will be made by the children and sold. There will also be tea and coffee available to purchase. The event will take place from 3.00pm in the Dance Drama hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and support this very worthwhile charity!



We look forward to your participation in these events and to continuing our collaborative efforts in nurturing the academic and personal growth of our pupils.

Simon Brown  
Head Teacher

13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Term Dates**

2024-2025 academic year:

- **Autumn Term: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> (for children)** September 2024 Friday 20th December 2024
  - **Half term** Monday 28th October 2024 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024
- **Spring Term:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025
  - **Half term** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- **Summer Term:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025
  - **Half term** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (Bank holiday 26<sup>th</sup> May)

Please note that there will be three training days and an occasional day spread across the year. The occasional day cannot be set until closer to the Summer term.

- **Training Day 1:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024
- **Training Day 2:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025
- **Training Day 3:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025

