

# Caedmon Community Primary School

September 2008  
NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted with the way the children have settled in to school. By now you will have all received the Ofsted report from the end of last year. We were delighted with the feedback and to have so many aspects concerning the children to be graded as outstanding! It was also very nice that the inspector agreed with all our own judgements about the school. Whenever he did write a recommendation to us in the report he also followed this up by saying the school had already recognised this and that and steps have already been made in this area. The whole experience was very positive and as we are a school who is constantly trying to evolve and be the best we can be, we appreciate all help and feedback.

I am also happy to be able to say the Friends of Caedmon has been formally set up and roles have been defined. There are many parents who are involved in this group and there is a strong wave of optimism and excitement for the events we are going to be organising for the children. The first event being **Friday 24th October 2008**. This will be a Halloween Disco. You will be receiving a letter with more details about this soon.

You might have also seen the new fence being installed around the school. The wall has also been re-pointed and bricks cleaned. The new fence will make the site a lot more secure and enable us to develop the outside environment knowing it can not be accessed as easily. There will also be some work starting soon on the bottom yard to make it a lot more fun and a safer place for the younger children.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that a play scheme will be running at Caedmon during the next half term. This will be run by Gateshead Council. It will run each day from 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. at the cost of 50p per day. There are 40 places and they are open to Caedmon children first. You will be getting a letter about this tomorrow with a reply slip so that you can reserve a place for your child(ren).

Please make note of all the important dates listed in this newsletter, we will try hard not to change them unless circumstances change! We hope that the list helps you to organise and plan in advance.

**Children will be taking home their diary/planners.** They are the same as last year. Many parents commented on them being very useful, children need to look after these as there is a charge of £5.00 for replacements. Children will also be taking homework books home soon. Within these books you will find the following to help you help your child with work at home.

- Homework policy
- Handwriting sheet
- Storyboard—story planning
- 100 square
- Homework completion sheet
- Look, say, cover, write, check
- Individual Literacy Targets
- Times Table Grid
- Multiplication square

**PE Kit.** Children need to bring in full PE kit consisting of shorts, t-shirt and trainers on the following days, all clothing should be labelled to avoid loss and/or confusion. If children forget their kit twice in a half-term I will be phoning home.

Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Monday and Thursday
Year 2	Monday and Friday
Year 3	Tuesday and Thursday (swimming on Friday)
Year 4	Monday and Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday and Thursday (swimming on Friday)
Year 6	Every day

Yours faithfully  
Mr C Wisby  
Head Teacher

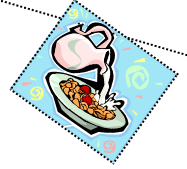
**Dinner money** should be sent in to school in an envelope/ money bag clearly stating your child's name and class **on a Monday morning** for the week ahead. Money that is received late means the school incurs additional banking and courier costs.

The cost of a dinner is £1.75, £8.75 per week.

Dinner money envelopes are available from the school office at £1 for a year's supply.



**Breakfast Club**  
We have places at our breakfast club. The cost of attending is £1.00. It starts at 8 am. The children get a choice of cereals, toast and a drink.



### Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 24th October at 9.30 am at Whitehall Road Methodist Church. Parents, Carers and friends welcome.



### UNWANTED CLOTHES.

We have very few items of clothing for children to change into if they have accidents or get dirty outside. If anyone has clothes that are in good condition and no longer needed please bring them into school.

Thank you!



## PLANTS!!!

We are hoping to have more plants around the school both inside and outside the building. If anyone has ANY indoor or outdoor plants they do not want or would like to donate to school we would be very happy to receive them. Also, if anyone has any contacts with garden centres where we could buy plants cheaper please come and see Mr Wisby.



### DRINKS!

Children may bring water into school in a suitably named container to drink in class. Could we please request that no other drinks are brought into school.



### Well done to an amazing athlete!

One of our pupils has been busy over the six week break. She took part in a number of athletics activities and won numerous medals. We think she should be aiming for London in 2012!



## DIARY DATES

### AUTUMN TERM

- 15/09/08 Secondary School Application Packs available
- 22/09/08 Primary School Application Packs available
- 14/10/08 Parents Evening
- 24/10/08 9.30 am Harvest Festival at Whitehall Rd Methodist Church, parents, carers & friends welcome
- 24/10/08 School closes for half-term.
- 24/10/08 Closing date for Secondary Application Forms
- 24/10/08 Halloween Disco
- 03/11/08 School re-opens
- 03/11/08 Closing date for Primary Application Forms
- 09/12/08 Foundation Stage Christmas Concert , Parents/Carers welcome
- 10/12/07 Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert, Parents/Carers welcome
- 11/12/08 Christmas Disco (Date to be confirmed)
- 12/12/08 Foundation Stage Christmas Party (morning)
- 12/12/08 Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert (afternoon)
- 15/12/08 Key Stage 1 Christmas Party (afternoon)
- 16/12/08 Year 3/4 Christmas Party (afternoon)
- 17/12/08 Year 5/6 Christmas Party (afternoon)
- 18/12/08 Christmas Lunch (Date to be confirmed)
- 19/12/08 Carol Service, Whitehall Rd Methodist Church, parents, carers & friends welcome
- 19/12/08 School closes for Christmas Holidays

### SPRING TERM

- 07/01/09 School re-opens—Spring Term