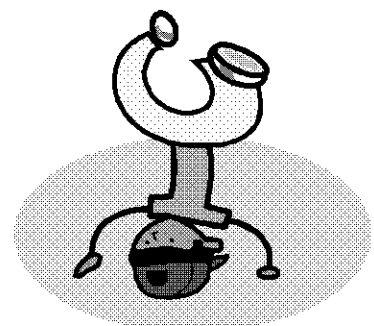
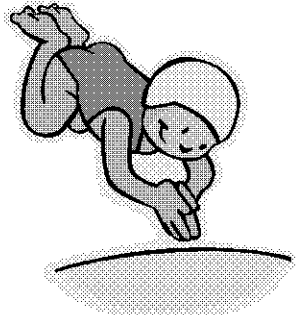


**Welcome to a new  
school year.**

**September 2009 to July 2010**

**School Newsletter Autumn Term**





Masses	
Thurs 17th Sept Whole School	Thurs 5th Nov Year 5 & Reception
Thurs 1st Oct Year 3 & Year 4	Thurs 19th Nov Year 4
Thurs 15th Oct Year 2 & Year 6	Thurs 3rd Dec Year 1 & Year 6
	Thurs 17th Dec Whole school
An invitation to your child's class mass should be sent to you, however you are welcome to attend any or all of our class/school masses which are at 9.30a.m. unless otherwise advised.	
The R.E. themes for this term are <b>Beginnings, Friends and Preparations</b> please see the attached sheet for home you can support these themes with your child at home.	

### Class Topics for this term

Rec	Ourselves
Year 1	Ourselves / Healthy Eating
Year 2	Great Fire of London / Minibeasts
Year 3	The Romans / Teeth
Year 4	The Tudors
Year 5	Rivers
Year 6	World War 2

### New Starters

Welcome to our two new staff.

Year 5 teacher

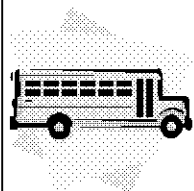
Mr Wheatley and Year 1 teacher Miss Harland.



We also welcome the following new pupils: Mia and Finn Clark, Morgan Rooney into Year 3, Olivia Weatherburn into Year 1, Andrew Cockling and Aarun Sangha into Year 5 we hope they settle in quickly.

### Pupils due to start September 2010

If your child was born between 1st September 2005 and 31st August 2006 you can now apply online for admission in September 2010. Would you please contact the school office as soon as possible as application forms have already been sent out and are due to be returned by Friday 6th November 2009.



### Swimming Money -

Thank you for the great response this term to sending in the full amount for bus transport for swimming and fruit money for KS2 pupils. This has made Mrs Noble's job much easier.



### Year 5 and Year 6 Residential Visits to Blaitwaite

A joint meeting for parents of both year groups has been arranged for Wed 7th Oct at 6pm.

Just to remind you that payment can be made in regular instalments. This will help you to spread cost over time, if you prefer this method of payment please speak to Mrs Noble.

If you wish to discuss any confidential issues regarding your child or payment concerns Mrs McMillan will be happy to help.

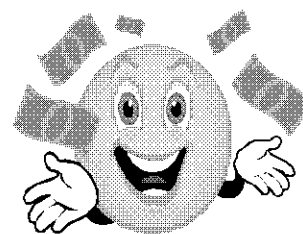


Happy memories May 2009



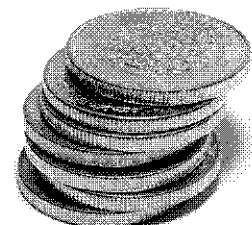
### 200 Club Winners July 09

Prize	Number	Winner	Contact
£50	69	Janet Oxley	Yr 4
£25	163	Adele Ameer-Beg	Yr 1
£15	143	Mr Boyle	Mrs Noble
£10	12	Gillian Crone	Church



### 200 Club Winners August 09

Prize	Number	Winner	Contact
£50	84	Ellen Williamson	Yr 2
£25	42	Jack Spreadbury	Yr 3
£15	162	Catherine Booth	Yr 5
£10	187	Angela Nelthorpe	Yr 5



## MOTORISTS ALERT

This information is also publically distributed to each household through The Council News From 1st September Gateshead Council is changing how it enforces some on-street parking rules and the way it issues penalty notices for parking offences.

### Dropped Kerbs

What's changed? If you block dropped kerbs, we can now issue penalty notices without the need for signs or road markings.

### Zig zag yellow lines

What's changed? Currently, restrictions stopping motorists parking on "school keep clear" zig zag yellow lines have not always been compulsory. From September 1st however, where there are relevant signs, there is no stopping allowed, even to drop off or pick up.

### Double parking

What's changed? The rules on "double parking" are also being tightened up. Vehicles must not park more than 50cm from the kerb. No warning signs need to be displayed to enforce these rules.

### Bus stop clearways

What's changed? Only buses are permitted to stop in areas where signs and markings are displayed. Any vehicles breaking these rules are liable to receive a penalty notice.

More information ? [www.gateshead.gov.uk](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk)

Please see the letter attached which was sent to all Head Teachers of Gateshead schools.

## End of Key Stage 2 AWARDS

Congratulations to Emma Cartwright and Daniel Johnson who were presented with the John Paul II Award by Fr. Humble for their outstanding contribution as pupils to St. Mary's.



### SAT Results 2009

We are all delighted with the results achieved in SAT assessment in the Summer of 2009. Key Stage 1 (Year 2) pupils worked hard to achieve success and Key Stage 2 (Year 6) results were excellent, congratulations to those pupils and Miss Hunt for their efforts.

Maths	97% pupils at Level 4+	32% Level 5
English	100% pupils at Level 4+	45% Level 5
Science	100% pupils at Level 4+	45% Level 5

### Supporting all pupils

We are constantly striving to ensure we give the best support available to all pupils. This support was introduced last academic year and contributed towards the excellent results for Year 6 pupils. Class teachers will provide further details at the information for parents meetings this term.

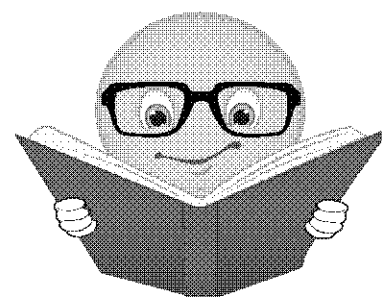
The following staff will be involved in providing additional support throughout Key Stage 2 at various times:

Mrs Armstrong	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs a.m. ( Yr 3, Yr 4, Yr 5, Yr 6 at some stage)
Mrs Dobson	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs a.m. ( Yr 3, Yr 4, Yr 5, Yr 6 at some stage)
Mrs Taylor	Wed, Thurs a.m. ( targeted groups)
Mrs McMillan	2 sessions (Yr 6 )

### READ WRITE INC

The main curriculum focus of our School Improvement Plan is on improving the attainment of all pupils in writing.

We have purchased a new resource called Read, Write, Inc to be implemented throughout the whole school starting with Reception pupils. At the core of Read Write Inc is the lively and vigorous teaching of synthetic phonics. Children learn the 44 common sounds in the English language and how to sound-blend words for reading at the same time as developing handwriting skills and spelling. They will read lively Storybooks and Non-fiction books with words they can decode, so they achieve early success in reading. The more sounds they know the greater the range of texts they can read.



For the classes in Key Stage 1, (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2), this has required us to alter the method of the introduction of home reading books, which will be sent home for consolidation. We ask you therefore to "bear with us" and be aware it may take longer for your child to bring home a reading book, with words to read rather than just illustrations to discuss.

## Duck pool Pre-School News

We are sure Mrs O'Hara will be enjoying her retirement!

A huge welcome to the following staff:

Mrs Susan Cameron is now the Manager of the Pre-School.  
Mrs Smith and Mrs Corrigan have joined Mrs Fawzi, Miss Porteous and Mrs Young on the staff team.

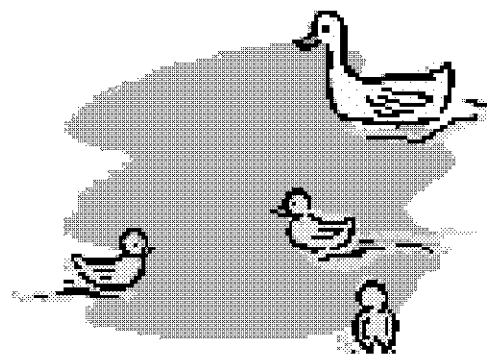
September 2009 is an exciting time as the Pre-School has extended its provision to include afternoon sessions.

Opening times are 9.00—11.30 a.m.

12.35—3.05 p.m.

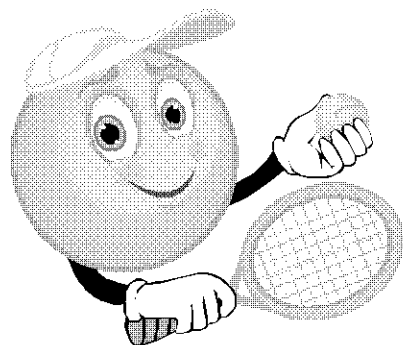
Wrap around lunchtime care 11.30—12.30

For further details please contact Mrs Cameron on 4881137



## Sporting News and Events

The sporting achievements of our pupils both in school and out of school continues to be exceptional. Mrs Joyce is the PE Co-ordinator in school and will share successes and news throughout each term in a PE Newsletter.



All children's clothing and property  
**MUST** be named

