



BYLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of another successful term at Byley and children have earned their Easter break. There was a flurry of activity across the school this week as projects were completed, presentations given and things generally tidied up in readiness for the summer term. Today we welcomed children in **Fir** house to school in their own non-uniform day as they had earned most house points this half-term. Well done **FIR!**

I have seen some fascinating topic presentations from Years 3 and 4 on their theme of Egypt/Egyptians. The children listened keenly to each other's presentations and were very complimentary of each other's.

Along with continued comprehension and maths work, Years 5 and 6 made a variety of models of mountains and volcanoes, accurately based on their research. They look fantastic!

Nursery and Reception children undertook observational drawings of tadpoles and frogspawn; whilst Years 1 and 2 have been working hard on their reading comprehension and phonics skills which, along with times tables, are the building blocks of all their future learning.

We also held our annual Easter Egg Hunt in school today – thanks to the PTA for providing the eggs. And of course the week was made complete with the PTA cake sale. I can't imagine many have arrived home without a delicious treat to eat!

Children will be bringing home their school reports today, along with their records of attendance. Please sign and return the last section with any comments you may wish to make – and your child's name.

They may also have some Easter homework hidden near the bottom of their book bags – please check!

The summer term is set to be equally busy with many dates already in the diary which are printed below. We break now for two weeks and one day, returning after Easter Monday on Tuesday 18th April.

I hope you have an enjoyable and perhaps restful Easter holiday with your families.

Procedure for sickness:

We have experienced a number of absences due to illness this half-term and the correct procedure has not always been followed. Please remind yourselves of what to do in such an event.

- Phone school before the start of the school day (or at the gate if you are bringing another child), explain why the child is absent

- School will contact you if we have not heard by 9:30am
- Confirm absence on subsequent days
- Follow up with a note, when child returns to school, which is kept on file and inspected by Education Welfare
- Pass on any useful information e.g. from visit to doctor, particularly regarding contagious ailments

Dinner Money

Dinner money for next half term is as follows:-

Weekly:	$\text{£2.20} \times 5$	=	£11.00 per child
Half-termly:	$\text{£2.20} \times 28$	=	£61.60 per child
Wednesdays/Fridays only	$\text{£2.20} \times 12$	=	£26.40 per child

Our attendance figures this week are:

Whole School – 96%

Reception – 100%

Years 1/2 – 91.3%

Years 3/4 – 93%

Years 5/6 – 100%

Well done to Reception and Years 5&6 who have achieved 100% attendance this week.

Future Dates for Diaries

Tues 18th Apr

School re-opens 8:45am

Weds 19th Apr

Chester Zoo – Reception, Yrs 1-4 (leave at 9am – return 3pm)

Thurs 20th Apr

After-School Dance (Yrs 1-4) with Sports Coaching 3:15pm -4:15pm (1/6)

Weds 26th Apr

Swimming Yrs 3-6 (1/10)

Thurs 27th Apr

Parent Consultations (3:30pm – 5:30pm)

Mon 1st May

Parent Consultations (5pm – 7pm)

Tues 2nd May

Bank Holiday – School Closed

Thurs 4th May

School re-opens 8:45am

Mon 9th May

Class & Whole School Photos

Wed 17th May

Start of SATs week for Year 6

Thurs 18th May

Saltscape Workshop – Years 5&6

Fri 19th May

Visit to Lion Salt Works Museum – Yrs 5&6 (leave at 9am – return 3pm)

Visit to Anderton Nature Park – Yrs 5-6 (leave at 9am – return 3pm)

Kind regards,
Kay Walsh (Mrs)
Headteacher