

Byley Primary School and Nursery - Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024



A message from Miss Whittingham: it has been a very busy week in school. The children have quickly settled back into their routines and are working hard. This term, we have welcomed 2 new members of staff - Mrs Cadagan (EYFS) and Miss Seymour (Y5/6). We are also very pleased to welcome Miss Hall, an assistant teacher, into Y3/4.

Nellie has been in school this week. She is getting used to the every day sights, sounds and smells in school. I know some children have caught a glimpse of her in my office - she sits and looks through the window! Others have seen her at the end of the day. She is settling in very well. The trainer felt we have all the right things in place for Nellie in school. There is a photo at the end of the newsletter.

150th Anniversary: the main events for the 150th anniversary will take place next Friday 26th and Saturday 27th January. On the Friday, we would like all the children and staff to dress in Victorian costumes. Anyone with connections to the school (past and present) can visit school on either the Friday or Saturday to have a tour and look at the photos. Please let anyone who has connections to the school know. Please phone the school office to book your slot (morning or afternoon). Drinks, cakes and biscuits will be available. If you are struggling to find a suitable outfit for your child/ren, please let us know.

Reading: please continue to support your child with their reading. When you hear them read, please date and initial their reading diaries as this informs the teachers that your child has read at home. Please don't feel you have to comment, I know that time can be short so just the date and your initials is enough.

Lunchtime Stars: I enjoyed having lunch with Amber F this week. I am looking forward to having lunch with children from Year 1/2 and Y5/6 next week.

Thank you for your continuing support,
Elizabeth Whittingham (Headteacher)

Our Weekly Attendance Figures

Whole School - 91.8%

Reception -	92.5%
Years 1/2 -	97.5%
Years 3/4 -	78.6%
Years 5/6 -	98.8%

School Dinners

Please remember dinner money is now **£2.55** and paid via **PARENTPAY**

The NEW 3-week menus are on the school website.

Next Week's Lunch Menu: **Week 3**

Cost for the 6 weeks the children are in school - **Spring 1**

Daily	£2.55
Weekly:	£12.75
Half term	£73.95 (29 days)

Important Diary Dates:

Fri 26th Jan	Victorian Day to celebrate 150th Anniversary
Sat 27th Jan	150th Anniversary open day
Mon 5th - Fri 16th Feb	Swimming pool in school
Fri 16th Feb	Break for Half Term
Mon 26th Feb	Children return to school
Wed 6th - Fri 8th Mar	Year 5&6 Residential to Whitehall

Byley Busy Buddies

The new booking and payment system (ParentPay) is now up and running. Any issues accessing it please contact the school office.

Prices : Breakfast Club £4/£2.50 (sibling) per session
After School Club £7.50/£5 (sibling) per session

PTA

Bags-2-School: thank you for your support. The donations made raised £60.

The PTA needs your support to be able to continue with events and raise money to support the school. It is also a great way to get involved in school life and get to know other parents.

Please help raise funds for our school by checking out through the easy fundraising website. It's easy to do and costs nothing. Go to the link:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/byleypta/

Click on support cause and then create an account. This means you can then visit thousands of websites through the easyfundraising site and the retailers will make a small donation to the PTA.

You can also set up reminders on your toolbar so that when you visit one of the named sites it will ask you if you want to donate - this will not cost you ANYTHING and saves you visiting easyfundraising to see your chosen shopping site is listed.

Any funds the PTA make go straight back into making our school an even better learning environment for our children, so any help is greatly appreciated.

If you need any more information, please contact: Catherine Peake-Wildman wildmanc19@yahoo.co.uk

Meet Nellie:



She is looking through my office door! The children are brilliant at ignoring her – although it is quite difficult!