Byley Primary School and Nursery - Newsletter



Friday 6th September 2024

A message from Miss Whittingham: welcome back to the new school year. It has been a lovely week; all the children have settled really well back into routines. Nellie too is pleased to be back in school! I have been particularly impressed with our new Reception and Nursery children who have settled in very quickly.

Over the holiday, Mr Smith completed a lot of work in school to refresh and improve the classrooms. Year 5/6 has had a coat of paint. It looks lovely with the new furniture. Year 1/2 has also had a refresh with new cupboards, paint and extra carpet. All classrooms have had new blinds. Thank you to Mr Smith for getting all of the work completed. Thanks also to Will Madden for his help. We are expecting work on the school roof and car park fencing to take place this term.

Staffing: a very warm welcome to Miss Shackleton who is teaching Year 5/6.

School Bags: Firstly, I would like to apologise for any confusion over school bags. It had been my intention to ask that children particularly in Years 1/2 & 3/4 had book bags rather than back packs. This is due to space. However, I didn't communicate this very well and I am aware that many of you have bought back packs. Going forward, when the back pack needs replacing, can I ask that book bags are purchased. Thank you for your understanding.

Welcome mornings: these take place next week. It will an ideal chance to see how lovely the classrooms are looking – as well as finding out about what is happening in your child/ren's class and meeting the teacher. Please see 'Upcoming Dates' below. The **Macmillan Coffee Morning** on Friday 27th September is the next whole school event. More details will be sent out nearer the

Byley Dog Show: this is on September 21st. Please see the attached information sent out with the newsletter.

Reading: please continue to encourage your child to read at home. Every Monday morning, children's reading diaries are taken in. If a child has read 3 or 4 times in the week, they get 1 spot on their chart. If they have read 5 times or more, they get 2 spots. Once they reach 20 spots, they will receive a certificate in our Friday Celebration Assembly. Reading regularly - or being read to - very much supports children with developing their understanding, confidence, reading fluency and writing.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Elizabeth Whittingham (Headteacher)

Our Weekly Attendance Figures

Whole School - 94.9%

Reception - 90% Years 1/2 - 100% Years 3/4 - 94.9% Years 5/6 - 94.6%

Well done to Years 1/2 for achieving

100% attendance!

School Dinners

Please remember dinner money is now £2.55 and paid via

PARENTPAY

3-week menus are on the school website.

Next Week's Lunch Menu: Week 2

Cost for the 7 weeks the children are in school - Autumn 1

Daily £2.55
Weekly: £12.75
Half term £96.90

Important Diary Dates:

Mon 9th Sept EYFS Welcome Morning @ 9:00
Tues 10th Sept Y1/2 Welcome Morning @ 9:00
Weds 11th Sept Y3/4 Welcome Morning @ 9:00
Thurs 12th Sept Y5/6 Welcome Morning @ 9:00
Fri 27th Sept. Macmillan Coffee Morning

Mon 30th Sept School Photos (siblings welcome) - more info to follow

Tues 1st Oct Y5/6 Maths Learn With Me Mon 7th Oct EYFS Maths Learn With Me

Weds 9th Oct Open evening @6:30 - prospective parents for Nursery/Reception '25

Mon 14th Oct Open afternoon - prospective parents for Nursery/Reception '25

Tues 15th Oct Parents' Evenings via schoolcloud 3:30pm - 5:30pm Thurs 17th Oct Parents' Evenings via schoolcloud 4:00pm - 6:00pm

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 £5/£3.50 (sibling) per session After School Club £9.50/£8 (sibling) per sessiom

PTA

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.

Over the next few weeks, information will be sent out with the date and time of the next meeting.

It would be great to see as many new and familiar faces as possible!

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





For young people 0-25 with Special Educational Needs or Disability

