Byley Primary School and Nursery - Newsletter



Friday 13th September 2024

A message from Miss Whittingham: it has been a great week in school. Despite the rain, the children have been able to get out to play most days; they have enjoyed playing with their friends and using all the equipment.

It was Nellie's first birthday on Tuesday, she loved all the cards and pictures the children made for her. Every Tuesday, 2 children from each class are going to read to Nellie in my office. Those children that did it this week enjoyed it very much – as did Nellie!

Thank you for your support with regards to the changes - i.e. getting changed for P.E. in school and water bottles - it is very much appreciated. The children have all managed these changes very well.

Welcome mornings: those that took place this week went well and were well attended – thank you. For those of you unable to attend, the PowerPoints shared will be available on the school website on your child's class page. The Year 3/4 Welcome Morning will take place on Monday. Thank you for your understanding with the change of day.

The Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September is the next whole school event. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

Byley Dog Show: Saturday 21st September. 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.

Attendance: as you know, there is now a National Attendance Framework that came onto force on 19th August. Both myself and Mrs Evans have attended meetings and training. Attendance will be monitored more closely by the Local Authority. The guidance we have to follow is much stricter about what classes as an authorised absence and the consequence for repeated unauthorised attendance within a set time. The policy and guidance that was sent out last term will be emailed out again next week. Thank you for your continuing support,

Elizabeth Whittingham (Headteacher)

School Dinners Our Weekly Attendance Figures Please remember dinner money is now £2.55 and paid via Whole School - 98.9% PARENTPAY Reception -98% 3-week menus are on the school website. Years 1/2 -100% Next Week's Lunch Menu: Week 3 Years 3/4 -98 2% Cost for the 7 weeks the children are in school - Autumn 1 Years 5/6 -99.3% Daily £2.55 Weekly: £12.75 Well done to Year 1/2 for achieving 100% attendance for the 2nd week!! Half term £96.90

Important Diary Dates:

Mon 16 th Sept	Y3/4 Welcome Morning @ 9:00
Fri 27 th Sept.	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Mon 30 th Sept	School Photos (siblings welcome) – more info to follow
Tues 1 st Oct	Y5/6 Maths Learn With Me
Mon 7 th Oct	EYFS Maths Learn With Me
Weds 9 th Oct	Open evening @6:30 – prospective parents for Nursery/Reception '25
Mon 14 th Oct	Open afternoon - prospective parents for Nursery/Reception '25
Tues 15 th Oct	Parents' Evenings via schoolcloud 3:30pm – 5:30pm
Thurs 17 th 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 session

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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

