

# Byley Primary School and Nursery - Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024



**A message from Miss Whittingham:** it has been another great week. The lovely weather has certainly helped; it has been lovely to see the children enjoying the last of the summer warmth outside during play and lunchtimes.

**Forest school;** these sessions are as popular as ever. The children really enjoy the opportunity for outdoor learning. Please can I ask that a change of clothes/footwear for Forest School is sent in so the children can fully take part in the sessions. Year 3/4 have Forest School on Thursday afternoons and Year 5/6 on Fridays.

**Welcome mornings:** the Year 3/4 Welcome Morning was well attended. Thank you to those of you who were able to come. The PowerPoint that was shared should now be on the website.

The **Macmillan Coffee Morning** on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September is the next whole school event. We will be hoping for donations on the day, please. More details will be sent out next week.

**Byley Dog Show:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Please see the attached information sent out with the newsletter. The weather looks good; it should be a lovely community event.

**Uniform:** the children all look so smart in their uniforms, it is lovely to see. However, we do keep finding sweatshirts, jumpers, coats etc. that are not named. This can make it very difficult to find the owners. Please can I ask that all items of uniform are **clearly labelled** with your child's name.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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)

## Our Weekly Attendance Figures

**Whole School - 96.9%**

Reception -	96.2%
Years 1/2 -	98.1%
Years 3/4 -	98.6%
Years 5/6 -	94.5%

## 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 1**

Cost for the 8 weeks the children are in school - **Autumn 1**

Daily	£2.55
Weekly:	£12.75
Half term	£96.90

## Important Diary Dates:

<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Sept.</b>	<b>Macmillan Coffee Morning</b>
<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>School Photos (siblings welcome) - more info to follow</b>
<b>Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Y5/6 Maths Learn With Me</b>
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>EYFS Maths Learn With Me</b>
<b>Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Open evening @6:30 - prospective parents for Nursery/Reception '25</b>
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Open afternoon - prospective parents for Nursery/Reception '25</b>
<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Parents' Evenings via schoolcloud 3:30pm - 5:30pm</b>
<b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Parents' Evenings via schoolcloud 4:00pm - 6:00pm</b>
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Break up for half term</b>
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Children back in school</b>
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Y1/2 Maths Learn With Me</b>
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Y3/4 Maths Learn With Me</b>

## 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

## 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/](http://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](mailto:wildmanc19@yahoo.co.uk)

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