

Byley Primary School and Nursery – Newsletter

Monday 30th September 2024

**A message from Miss Whittingham:** firstly, apologies for not sending this out last Friday. I was attending training all day and therefore did not have the opportunity to write the newsletter.

It was a busy week last week. I saw some lovely writing in Year 1 and 2. Nellie enjoyed listening to readers again this week. She also very much enjoys the fuss she gets from the children after they have read!

**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. A change of footwear/clothing/waterproof outer wear is certainly very helpful when it is wet (as is a plastic bag to store dirty wellies/shoes).

Year 3/4 have Forest School on Thursday afternoons and Year 5/6 on Fridays.

The **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon** went well. I was sad to not be here. Thank you for all the donations and buying of cakes. I will let you know a final figure for how much was made in Friday’s newsletter.

**School photos**: this all went very smoothly this morning. The children all looked even smarter than usual! The photos can be purchased online.

**Work being carried out**: over the next few weeks, we are due to be having some substantial work carried out on the school building. This includes the replacement of the pitched roof on the front of school. We have been waiting for over 4 years for this to be done. It was due to take place over the summer but, due to a maternity colony of rare bats in the roof, they were not able to go ahead. As a consequence, we are having 2 mobile classrooms put on the playground for Years 1/2/3/4 whilst the work is being carried out later this term. I will keep you informed as things progress over the next few weeks. The start of the works begins tomorrow in the staff car park. Thank you in advance for your cooperation while this much needed work goes ahead.

**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)

**Our Weekly Attendance Figures**

**Whole School – %**

Reception - %

Years 1/2 – %

Years 3/4 – %

Years 5/6 - %

**Important Diary Dates:**

**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**

**Thurs 24th Oct Break up for half term**

**Mon 4th Nov Children back in school**

**Thurs 7th Nov Y1/2 Maths Learn With Me**

**Thurs 14th Nov Y3/4 Maths Learn With Me**

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

Daily £2.55

Weekly: £12.75

Half term £96.90



**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)

**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

