# Byley Primary School and Nursery - Newsletter



# Friday 6th December 2024

A message from Miss Whittingham: it has been another very busy week. EYFS and KS1 children have been busily preparing for their Nativity next week. KS2 are getting ready for their Christmas Concert during the last week of term with lots of practise of trumpets, trombones and recorders - as well as singing. The most exciting thing this week has been, of course, the move back into the classrooms for Year 1/2 and Y3/4. The staff did a fabulous job on Monday evening to get all the furniture, books etc. back into the classrooms and ready for the children to come in on Tuesday morning. They really are the best staff team! As I heard one child say to their friend..."It feels like we didn't go anywhere!"

All the children have adapted back in to the usual routines very quickly, impressing me with their continuing hard work. I have seen some lovely writing across the school. Seeing the children's work, their pride in their achievements and progress is probably one of the - if not the - best thing about my job. It is such a privilege.

**Dodgeball:** well done to the Y5/6 children who took part in the Dodgeball tournament on Thursday night. Unfortunately, I couldn't attend as I was in a meeting. However, Miss Shackleton and Mrs Evans both told me how fabulously we played. I was very impressed – and proud – to hear about the excellent sportsmanship and fair play. Well done and thank you to all those that attended! A very well-deserved 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Christmas Fair: this will be held in the school hall again this year. The main running of it will be taken on by the Year 5/6 children with support from Friends at Byley (FAB). The date for the Fair is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 2:30 pm. Thank you for all the donations brought in today. The children all looked fabulous in their Christmas outfits.

Roof: as you will have seen, the roof works are have been completed. The scaffolding is due to be removed next week with the mobile classrooms being taken during the last week.

Lunchtime Stars: I very much enjoyed having lunch with Ivy, Bea and Leo from EYFS on Tuesday. They have all earned their 10 stars. We had a good chat about the Nativity, holidays and Christmas.

Coats: as we seem to be having some spells of very cold or very wet weather at the moment, please can you send in a coat with your child. I know they don't always wear them as, for some reason, children don't seem to feel the cold, but it is good to have one in school just in case!

Thank you for your continuing support, Elizabeth Whittingham

#### Our Weekly Attendance Figures

96.4%

Whole School - 95.5%

Reception - 91.6% Years 1/2 - 96.5% Years 3/4 - 97.3%

Years 5/6 -

#### 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 2

Daily £2.55
Weekly: £12.75
Half term £89.25

### Important Diary Dates:

Tues 10th Dec EYFS/KS1 Nativity afternoon performance - 1:45 pm

Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Panto - Peter Pan - Grange Theatre, Northwich - whole school

Weds 11th Dec EYFS/KS1 Nativity evening performance - 6:30 pm

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Fair - 2:30pm in school hall

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec KS2 Carol Concert afternoon performance - 2:30pm Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Dec KS2 Carol Concert Evening performance - 6:30pm

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec Break for Christmas holidays - 3:20pm Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 INSET Day - school closed to pupils Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan Children back in school - 8:40am

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Jan Bags 2 School - drop bags of old clothes off at school gate at drop off (8:40am)

## 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



## FAB (Friends At Byley)

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 FAB.

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 FOB 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

