# Byley Primary School and Nursery - Newsletter



# Friday 20th December 2024

A message from Miss Whittingham: I can't believe it is already the end of the Autumn Term and my fourth year as Headteacher at Byley! It has been a really lovely last week. The Key Stage 2 children gave two wonderful Christmas performances; all the children enjoyed their Christmas parties and a visit from Santa.

Thank you: on behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you all for the very generous gift tokens we received today; it was such a lovely surprise and very kind. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and all good wishes for the New year.

Donations following the Nativity and Carol Concert came to just over £400. This has gone towards the pantomime and resources in school - thank you!

Christmas Fair: just over £700 was raised at the fair. Thank you again for your support.

Flood: thank you for your understanding and support with the flood outside school on Monday, it was very much appreciated. Luckily, no water came into the classrooms. Since Monday, the road and pavement have been swept making the walk along the pavement a bit safer and more pleasant.

Lunchtime Stars: I very much enjoyed having lunch with Calum today. He has earned his 10 stars. We had a great chat about dogs, Christmas, and the KS2 concert. Well done, Calum!

Exciting Event in January: we are very lucky to have the Barclays Women's Super League Trophy coming to Byley on Tuesday 7th Jan. One of our parents - Mr Burgess - has very kindly secured this for us. This is an iconic symbol of excellence in women's football; it highlights how the importance of ambition, hard work and belief in yourself to be the best you can be. We feel very honoured to have such a prestigious trophy in our school. The Trophy will be on display in the school hall for the children to see and have a photo if they wish. There will be an assembly to mark this exciting event.

As we close for the Christmas break, I would like to end the newsletter by thanking you all for your continuing support again over the year. Byley really is such a lovely school; I feel so very lucky to be the Headteacher and part of this wonderful community. I look forward to welcoming you all back to school in January 2025!

Thank you for your continuing support,

Elizabeth Whittingham (Headteacher)

#### Our Weekly Attendance Figures

Whole School - 91.5%

Reception -85.1% Years 1/2 -95.3% Years 3/4 -92.3%

Years 5/6 -93.1%

### 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:

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

Daily £2.55 Weekly: £12.75

Half term £73.95 (29 days)

## Important Diary Dates:

Fri 20th Dec Break for Christmas holidays - 3:20pm

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 INSET Day - school closed to pupils

Tues 7th Jan Children back in school - 8:40am Tues 7th Jan

Women's Super League Trophy in school.

Mon 27th 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 FaB 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

