# Byley Primary School and Nursery - Newsletter



# Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

#### A message from Miss Whittingham:

This week seems to have gone by very quickly. It has certainly been a very busy one!

**Learn With Me:** the EYFS session went very well yesterday - we had some lovely feedback. It was a good turn out - thank you! Keep an eye out for the English dates next term.

Remembrance Day: I was very proud of our Head Students and School Council members who represented Byley at the parade and service on Sunday. They were super ambassadors for our school. Edie and Zeke laid the wreath on behalf of the school. Photos below at the end of the newsletter.

Children in Need Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November: there was certainly some 'mad hair' in school today! Thank you for taking part and your donations. Thank you to the School Council for organising. We raised a fabulous £85.50

Middlewich Christmas Light Switch-on: this is taking place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Rather than individual schools sing, all children are invited to join in with a mixed schools' choir - similar to the FAB festival idea. The Advent Service will start at 5pm. Any children wanting to take part should go along to St. Michael's Church in Middlewich. Children do not have to be in school uniform. Please see attached leaflet for further information.

Christmas Fair: this will be held in school this year. We are hoping that the main running of it will be taken on by the Year 5/6 children. The provisional date we have is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 2:30 pm. We will send out more information over the next few weeks. I am aware that Fridays can be difficult for some parents due to work commitments. We will look to put some events on a Saturday, if possible. If anyone has any contacts/donations for raffle prizes, please let me know. Thank you.

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: the events for this will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup>/Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January. On the Friday, we would like all the children and staff to dress in Victorian costumes. All those with connections to the school (past and present) can visit to have a tour and look at the photos. Please let anyone who has connections to the school know. Please phone the school office to book your slot (morning or afternoon). Drinks, cakes and biscuits will be available.

Thank you for your continuing support, Elizabeth Whittingham (Headteacher)

#### Our Weekly Attendance Figures

Whole School - 88.5%

Reception - 68.8% Years 1/2 - 92.9% Years 3/4 - 93.1% Years 5/6 - 99.2%

#### 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 2

Daily £2.55 Weekly: £12.75

Half term £102 (40 days)

#### Important Diary Dates:

Tues 21st Nov Bags2School Collection - please drop any bags off at school gate in the morning

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov Whole School Photo (am) (150 year anniversary photo)

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Nov Middlewich Lights Switch On/Advent Celebration - St. Michael's Church 5pm

Fri 1st Dec Elf Run - in aid of St Luke's Hospice

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Fair - in school hall from 2:30pm

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec EYFS/KS1 Nativity afternoon performance (1:45pm)
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec EYFS/KS1 Nativity evening performance (6:30pm)
Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec KS2 Carol Concert afternoon performance (2:30pm)

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Lunch & Class parties

Wed 20th Dec KS2 Carol Concert evening performance (6:30pm)

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec Whole School to Pantomime
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec Break for Christmas Holiday
Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jan Children back in school

## 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 £4/£2.50 (sibling) per session After School Club £7.50/£5 (sibling) per session

#### PTA

Our PTA are organising another Bags 2 school collection. It will be the morning of Tuesday 21st November. Families are asked to fill their own bin liner / carrier bags and bring into school on that morning.

Details of what is / isn't allowed are on the website: www.bag2school.com

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.

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







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