Byley Primary School and Nursery - Newsletter

Friday 16th February 2024



A message from Miss Whittingham:

I can't believe that we are already over half way through another school year. Again, it seems to have flown by. I am enjoying seeing the is lovely evenings and mornings getting lighter - I am sure we everyone is looking forward to spring and some drier, sunnier weather - hopefully!

Towards the end of this week, I have been on a Heads' Conference in the Lake District. There were some very inspirational keynote speakers who have a wealth of experience in education; I have learnt a lot over the last three days. There were also opportunities to meet with other heads and attend workshops.

Nellie has very much enjoyed her first half term in school. She is getting used to the sights, sounds and smells of school. ~The children have been brilliant at 'ignoring' her. She loves watching them through the window in my office door. She also likes it very much when they come to show me good work and say 'hello' to her in her crate. I have added a photo at the end of the newsletter. She is growing very quickly!

Reading: please continue to support your child with their reading. When you hear them read, please date and initial their reading diaries as this informs the teachers that your child has read at home. Please don't feel you have to comment, I know that time can be short so just the date and your initials is enough.

Lunchtime Stars: I enjoyed having lunch with Stan this week. I am looking forward to having lunch with children from Year 1/2 after half term.

I would like to thank you all for your support over this half term. I hope you all enjoy the break; I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 26^{th} February.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Elizabeth Whittingham

(Headteacher)

Our Weekly Attendance Figures

Whole School - 93.3%

Reception - 94.7% Years 1/2 - 92.9% Years 3/4 - 87.2% Years 5/6 - 98.3%

School Dinners

Please remember dinner money is now £2.55 and paid via

PARENTPAY

The NEW 3-week menus are on the school website.

Next Week's Lunch Menu: Week 1

Cost for the 6 weeks the children are in school - Spring 2

Daily £2.55 Weekly: £12.75

Half term £61.20 (24 days)

Important Diary Dates:

Mon 26th Feb Children return to school

Fri 1st Mar PTA 'Glow' Disco (3:20-4:30pm)

Mon 4th Mar Learn with Me - English Yr1/2 - 9am start

Wed 6th - Fri 8th Mar Year 5&6 Residential to Whitehall

Mon 11th Mar

Learn with Me - English EYFS - 9am start

Tue 19th Mar

Parents Evening - 3:30pm-5:30pm - in school

Thurs 21st Mar

Learn with Me - English Yr3/4 - 9am start

Parents Evening - 4pm-7pm - in school

Thur 28th Mar Learn with Me - English Yr5/6 - 9am start

Break for Easter Holiday

Mon 15th April Children return to school

Thur 18th - Fri 19th April Year 3&4 Residential to Petty Pool

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

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

Nellie:



