

# Byley Primary School and Nursery - Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023



## A message from Miss Whittingham:

It has been a very busy week. The children have all been superstars!

**Middlewich Christmas Light Switch-on:** this is taking place tomorrow - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November. 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. I will be at the event and would love to see as many Byley children as possible. Please see attached leaflet for further information.

**Christmas Fair:** this will be held in school this year. 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:** yesterday, we had a whole school photograph taken in the hall. This is to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Chris, from **Carpé Diem Photography** in Middlewich, very kindly took a photo of the children on the playground in the shape of 150. One of the photos is attached to the email. I am sure you will agree, it is fabulous. A huge thank you to Chris for this.

The main events for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary 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.

**Lunchtime Stars:** this week, I enjoyed having lunch with Kiki, Ryan, Agnes and Noah. They had all earned their 10 stars. I am looking forward to having lunch next week with children from Year 1 and 2. Well done, everyone!

**Reading:** it has been lovely to award some Bronze certificates for reading at home over the last 2 weeks. I know so many children are close to getting their chart filled. Keep up the great work, everyone.

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

## Our Weekly Attendance Figures

**Whole School - 91.9%**

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| Reception - | 92.5% |
| Years 1/2 - | 93.8% |
| Years 3/4 - | 82.8% |
| Years 5/6 - | 98.3% |

## 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 3**

Cost for the 8 weeks the children are in school - **Autumn 2**

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| Daily     | £2.55          |
| Weekly:   | £12.75         |
| Half term | £102 (40 days) |

## Important Diary Dates:

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|---------------------------|---|
| Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | Middlewich Lights Switch On/Advent Celebration - St. Michael's Church 5pm |
| Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 20 <sup>th</sup> 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   |
| Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan  | Victorian Day to celebrate 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary                  |
| Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan  | 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary open day                                    |

## 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

**Bags-2-School:** thank you for your support. The donations made raised £60.

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/](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)

West Cheshire Local Offer



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For young people 0-25 with  
Special Educational Needs or  
Disability

