

Byley Primary School and Nursery - Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024



A message from Miss Whittingham: What a wonderful weekend we had celebrating the school's 150th anniversary last week. There were so many past pupils who came to the celebrations who were amazed at how much the school has grown. Many, although still living in the area, hadn't been back since the day they left. Some brought photos of their time at Byley and there were so many stories and memories they shared. The hall was full of laughter and warmth. It really was quite an emotional couple of days.

Being the headteacher at such a special moment in the school's history is truly a privilege. I felt such pride in showing all our visitors around, finding out more about the school and some of the past pupils, teachers and head teachers.

There were some very interesting stories shared! I was honoured to receive the commemorative plaque presented to school by Lilian Worthington - the oldest past pupil still living in Byley (she is Mrs Daniel's Mum!) - on behalf of Byley Parish Council. The plaque is now up at the front of school.

The Victorian Day was super. All the children and staff were dressed up in Victorian outfits; they took part in some Victorian style lessons whilst sitting in rows - although we didn't go so far as to put ink wells in the desks! I quite liked the children all standing whenever I went into their classroom!

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the two days go so smoothly. From the organisation and setting up of the displays, the baking of cakes and teaching Maypole dancing to making drinks, chatting to visitors and showing them around and taking photos. Like so many said, Byley really is a very special place indeed.

We are planning on having an outdoor event in the summer to end the 150th school year.

A few of the many photos are at the end of the newsletter.

Here's to the next 150 years!

Elizabeth Whittingham (Headteacher)

Our Weekly Attendance Figures

Whole School - 94.1%

Reception -	96.1%
Years 1/2 -	95.8%
Years 3/4 -	86.2%
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 2**

Cost for the 6 weeks the children are in school - **Spring 1**

Daily	£2.55
Weekly:	£12.75
Half term	£73.95 (29 days)

Important Diary Dates:

Mon 5th - Fri 16th Feb	Swimming pool in school
Fri 16th Feb	Break for Half Term
Mon 26th Feb	Children return to school
Wed 6th - Fri 8th Mar	Year 5&6 Residential to Whitehall

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/

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

