# Byley Primary School and Nursery - Newsletter



## Friday 21st March 2025

A message from Miss Whittingham: there has been so much going on in school and the weather has been fabulous. At the beginning of the week, I accompanied the Year 3/4 children on their residential to Castleton. It was a wonderful couple of days; the children impressed our activity leader (and us) with their knowledge of different rocks, observation skills and enthusiasm. Their behaviour was exemplary and I was VERY proud to be with them. Thank you to Mrs Boyd and Miss Sobutta for giving up their time to accompany us.

Our Head Students went to the Council Chambers in Winsford on Monday afternoon to take part in a debate and discuss our community project. They told me it was a great experience.

**Learn With Me:** The Year 5/6 English Learn With Me was well attended and there was some great feedback. Thank you to those of you who attended. The EYFS session is scheduled for next Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March @ 9:00 a.m.

Lunchtime stars: I enjoyed having lunch with Amber, Holly, Katie, Dottie and Leo this week. I am looking forward to having lunch with children from Year 1/2 and Year 5/6 next week.

Parent Governor Vacancy: the deadline for nominations was today. We will inform you of the outcome in due course. Miss Donaldson: Over the last 18 months Miss Donaldson has been working towards her Level 3 Teaching Assistant qualification. Miss Donaldson has done this through the Apprentice Scheme. Following final observations and meetings, Miss Donaldson found out this week that she has passed - with a DOUBLE DISTINCTION! Well done Miss Donaldson, we are very proud of you!

Long Hair: whilst we don't have a strict rule about longer hair being tied up, my preference is that children whose hair is long enough to be tied back should do so. The main reasons for this being my preference are: it is harder for head lice to pass from head to head; it is safer during lessons such as Science, D&T etc.; it is less distracting; it looks neater. It MUST be tied back for every P.E. lesson.

Down Syndrome Day: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March. This is Odd Socks Day - it was lovely to see lots of children wearing odd socks today. Thank you to all those who bought an odd sock gingerbread at the end of the day.

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

## Our Weekly Attendance Figures

#### Whole School - 96.5%

Reception - 98.9% Years 1/2 - 97.6% Years 3/4 - 97.6% Years 5/6 - 91.7%

#### 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 6 weeks the children are in school - Spring 2

Daily £2.55
Weekly £12.75
Half term £76.50

## Important Diary Dates:

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Mar Parents Evening - 4pm - 7pm

Thurs 27th Mar Learn with Me - English - EYFS - 9am

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

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> April KS2 Spring Concert - 1:30pm start
Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> April KS2 Spring Concert - 6:30pm start
Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April Break for Easter holidays - 3:20pm

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> April Return to School

Mon 5th May School Closed - Bank Holiday

Thurs 8th May VE Celebrations - Dress for victory day - wear red, white & blue

Afternoon Tea for members of our local community - info to follow

Mon 12th May Start of KS2 SATs week

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> May Class Photos - 9am Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May Break for half term.

## Byley Busy Buddies

The booking and payment system (ParentPay) is 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

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