

Byerley Park Primary School Newsletter

Issue 4 – 15th October 2020

Staff News

One of our longest serving Teaching Assistants, **Mrs Wheeler**, will be retiring on 31st October. Mrs Wheeler has been involved with Byerley Park for 35 years, initially as a parent, volunteer parent helper and then a qualified, part-time Teaching Assistant. Mrs Wheeler has seen many changes to Byerley Park over the many years that she has been with us. I know you will join with me as we wish her every happiness and good health in her retirement.

Job Vacancy – Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant Monday – Friday, 12noon – 1.15pm (6.25 hrs per week, £9.36 per hour)

Mrs Thompson, one of our Lunchtime Supervisors will be leaving us on 8th November.

As a result, we will have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor. If you would be interested in applying for this post, please contact Mrs Vincent or Mrs Mason in the school office, who will provide you with an information pack and application form.

Closing date for completed application forms is **noon on Thursday 22nd October.**

Free School Meal Eligibility Checks

If you have a change of circumstances affecting your income and you believe you may qualify for benefit related free school meals, please contact the School Office and we can arrange to have a FSM eligibility check carried out.

School Uniform - Please Name it!



As the colder weather approaches, children will need to wear warmer outdoor clothing. As we also have to have windows open in classroom to increase air circulation, children will also need to wear school a jumper/cardigan. **Please remember to name every item of clothing so we have half a chance of returning lost property to its correct owner.** The children have been told in school to take responsibility for their own clothing in an attempt to reduce the disproportionate amount of time spent in school looking for 'lost' items during lesson times and it is crucial that it is named.

Each child has a coat peg in the cloakroom to hang their outdoor coat. Please can you make sure that the coat has a loop on it to make hanging it up easier for the children. You would be surprised how many 'hang' on the floor!

Boots and wellingtons can be worn to school; however, children must wear school shoes once inside the building. **Again, please ensure footwear is named too.**

Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme – final reminder for consent for nasal flu vaccine

Staff from the NHS Immunisation Team will be in school on the morning of **Friday 23rd October** to administer this year's Nasal Flu Vaccine (by means of nasal drops).

The vaccine is available to all children, however, parental consent **MUST** be given. An email was sent, via Parentpay on 11th September, to tell you about this, together with a letter from the NHS, asking you to complete their **on-line consent** form. This must be done by this Friday, 16th October. Without your consent, your child will **not** be immunised.

Policy re: sickness and/or diarrhoea

It is that time of year when tummy bugs are prevalent. For clarification, the school policy if a child has sickness and/or diarrhoea is as follows:

Sickness – if a child has been sick only once in a 24 hour period, then they should remain off school until the following day. If a child is sick more than once within a 24 hour period, they should be kept away from school for **48 hours** after the last episode of sickness.

Diarrhoea – If a child passes more than one abnormally loose stool in 24 hours, they should remain away from school for at least **48 hours** after the diarrhoea has stopped.

It is **really important** that these guidelines are followed to reduce the risk of possible spread of infection to other children and staff. Thank you for your support.

Parent Governor Vacancies – 2 positions

Expressions of interest are now being invited for the position of Parent Governor on our school's Governing Body. We have 2 vacancies that we need to fill.

Parent Governors play an important role as members of the Governing Body, which is responsible for directing the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards of educational achievement. The term of office for Parent Governors, as determined by the Governing Body, is 4 years. The school has high expectations of the time and commitment required from its Governors in order to effectively fulfil their roles.

Training is available for all Governors and those new to being a Governor are encouraged to attend induction training. All of our Governors are expected to follow the Code of Conduct.

What skills do I need?

The National Governors' Association identifies the following essential skills for all governors:

- Commitment to improving education for all pupils
- Ability to work in a professional manner as part of a team and take collective responsibility for decisions
- Willingness to learn
- Commitment to the school's vision and ethos
- Willing to devote time, enthusiasm and effort to the duties of and responsibilities of a governor
- Basic literacy, numeracy and IT skills

If you are interested, please contact Mrs Vincent or Mrs Mason in the School Office to express your interest or arrange to speak to Mrs Gargan about the role if you would like some additional information. The deadline for you to express your interest in becoming a Parent Governor is **Monday 2nd November, 2020**. In the event of there being more parents interested than there are vacancies, a ballot will be required and you will be asked to complete a Governor Nomination form and give a short, 50 word written statement to support your application.

Parent Pay – email communication

As you are aware, we use your email address that you have registered in Parentpay to send emails to you. If you change your email address, please remember to also change this in your Parentpay account.

This can be done by going into the ‘Profile settings’ on the homepage in your Parentpay account; then ‘email addresses’ and ‘change username’. Once you have changed your email address, you will be sent an activation email to complete the process. In this way, we can ensure that you always receive up to date information. Thank you for your continued support.

School Meals – Winter Menu

When we return to school after half term, we will use our winter menu. We will also re-introduce the ‘card system’ where children in Year 2 and above will select their choice of meal in advance so that they will be guaranteed that they will get the meal they have chosen. We find that the children benefit and enjoy a hot healthy, nutritious meal at lunchtime, especially in the colder months.

If you would like your child to move from packed lunches to school meals, please contact the School Office. School Meals cost £2.10 per day (£10.50 per week) and children get a substantial main course, bread, dessert and drink.

**The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.**

-- Dr. Seuss