

# Byerley Park Primary School Newsletter

## Issue 7

### 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020



#### Staff news

I am delighted to share the news that we have appointed a new Deputy Head Teacher. However, due to contractual arrangements, **Mr Jamie Everson** will not be able to join our school until after the Easter Holidays in 2021. In the meantime, we have appointed Miss Ainsley to teach the Y6 class for the Spring Term.

We also welcome **Mrs Culling**, who has been appointed as a Lunchtime Supervisor and started her position this week.

#### Christmas Lunch & wear a festive sweater/top day

We will be having a traditional Christmas Lunch on **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December**. On this day, children may wear a festive sweater/top instead of their school sweatshirt, if they want to, just for fun. (**Reception Class parents** - please see item regarding Christmas Parties)



#### School Uniform and the wearing of boots

There has been an increasing trend in parents sending their child to school wearing boots without sending in a pair of shoes for them to change into.

May I remind parents that if you send your child to school wearing boots, you must also send in school shoes for them to change into once they are in school.

Please could I ask for your support in adhering to this policy.

#### Dropping off and picking up children

Please can I remind parents that children should be dropped off /picked up by **one** adult only.

Siblings from other schools who are self-isolating should not come to school to pick up their brother or sister.

#### Updated information regarding Christmas Parties

We know that children would be so disappointed if we didn't let them dress up for their parties, so staff have agreed that parties will go ahead as planned, in class bubbles and please note the following:

##### Reception Class

Children in Reception class should come to school on their Christmas Party day (16<sup>th</sup> December) wearing Christmas outfits and sensible shoes, as they will be having some of their exciting Christmas activities outside on this day.

##### Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Children in these classes can bring clothes to change into **on the day of their party** (please refer to newsletter 6 for these dates). These clothes, which do not need to be special party clothes, should be in a named carrier bag.

## Internet Safety - Parental Controls



Many children will be getting new electronic toys and gadgets over Christmas. It is important to help them use them safely.

The best way of protecting children is to play alongside them and help them learn safely, but setting up Parental Controls on new devices will provide additional safety. This website provides guidance on how to set this up on a wide range of devices:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/controls/interactive-guide/>

The website also has lots of very useful leaflets and advice for parents, including online safety tips for parents of children aged 0-5, 6-10, 11-14 and 14+.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/esafety-leaflets-resources/>

## Results of the Ballot for Parent Governors

Following the recent ballot for the election of 2 x Parent Governors, I can inform you that the following 2 parents have been elected:

**Mr Christopher Kerr** (parent of Elliot in Reception Class)

**Mrs Jennifer Allison** (parent of William, Y2 and Hannah, Y4)

We congratulate them on their appointment and look forward to them joining our Governing Body.

## Formal Assessments 2021

It has just been announced by the Government that the Formal Assessments next year will be scaled back in the light of the disruption caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic.

The Government have given us a flexible approach to the administration of the Year 6 tests, by extending the original timetable by a week, until 26 May 2021.

**Y6 SATs** Tests will be taken in Maths and Reading. Writing will be teacher assessed, as usual, but there will be no tests in Science or Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation.

**Key Stage 1** will continue to have Teacher Assessments in Reading, Writing and Maths and there will be no Science or Grammar Teacher Assessment for 2021.

**Year 1** Phonics tests will continue to take place in June 2021.

The **Year 4** multiplication tests will be optional for schools in 2021.

Durham County Council Road Safety team are keen to appoint a School Crossing Patrol as soon as possible to a vacancy on Greenfield Way/Meadowfield Way, near Byerley Park Primary School.



<p><b>Times of operation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.00am – 9.00am</li> <li>• 3.10pm – 3:50pm</li> </ul> <p>1 hour 40mins daily 8 hours 20mins weekly</p> <p>Pay rate £9.62 per hour [from 1.4.20]</p>	<p><b>Duties:</b></p> <p>Use the uniform and sign provided to stop traffic.</p> <p>Cross all pedestrians wishing to use your crossing patrol point during specified times.</p>	<p><b>You must:</b></p> <p>Be punctual and honest.</p> <p>Have good communication skills.</p> <p>Have good road sense and be confident around traffic.</p>	<p><b>Recruitment:</b></p> <p>Completion of an application form and attend interview</p> <p>If appointed a full DBS is required.</p> <p>Uniform provided and full training is given.</p>
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The link to the advertisement is:

[https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/School\\_Crossing\\_Patrols/202367](https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/School_Crossing_Patrols/202367)

