

# *Byerley Park Primary School Newsletter*

## *Issue 14*

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### School Photographs



The school photographer will be in school on the morning of **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May**. As we didn't get to take any group photographs last year, they will take group photographs of Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 6. They will also take individual/sibling photographs of all other children. Siblings in school will be taken together. If you also would like individual photographs, please notify the office, in writing, by 10<sup>th</sup> May. Proof copies will be sent to parents shortly afterwards.

### Mobile Phones

Please can I remind parents that children should not routinely bring mobile phones in to school.

However, I understand that there may be occasions when you require your child to bring in a mobile phone. If this is the case, please would you email school to let us know. The phone must be handed to the class teacher at the beginning of the school day for safe keeping. The phone can be collected at the end of the day.

### Summer Sun

Be 'Sun Aware' –if the weather is forecast to be sunny, please can I ask you to apply sun cream on your child **before school** and provide a hat to protect them against the damaging rays of the sun? It is also important for every child to bring a filled water bottle to school each day so they can keep hydrated.



If you wish your child to have sun cream reapplied during the day, your child may bring their own sun cream into school. The bottle **must** be clearly labelled with your child's name and they must be able to apply it themselves.



### Covid 19

You may be aware that there have been several recent cases of Covid across schools in Newton Aycliffe, leading to bubble closures. Please can I remind all parents that even though some restrictions have been lifted, we should all be still following Covid Guidelines and regularly wash our hands, cover our face and keep at least 2m away from people.

### School Meal Verification Entitlement Checks

We know that circumstances in families can change throughout the year, and whilst you may not be eligible for Free School Meals right now, there may come a point in the future when you may qualify. Many parents have already completed an eligibility form, which we have securely retained in school, so that we can periodically check with the authorities to see if there are any changes in eligibility. If you believe that you may now qualify for Free School Meals and you have not completed an eligibility form, please contact the school office for assistance.

## School Uniform

We pride ourselves on having smart and well-presented children. Thank you for your support in adhering to our school uniform policy. Our uniform supplier is Elizabeths Embroidery (see item below for more info).

Our uniform for all pupils is as follows:

- Pale blue collared shirt/blouse and school tie.
- Royal blue v necked sweatshirt or sweat cardigan
- Charcoal grey trousers/skirt/pinafore dress (not black)
- Black shoes (Please do not buy trainers, boots or sandals to wear as school footwear)

We have an optional uniform which can be worn during the **Summer Term** only:

- White polo shirt (no tie) with long or short charcoal grey trousers or skirt (not black) or blue gingham or striped dress.

If children wear boots or wellingtons to school in the bad weather, they must bring their school shoes to change into once inside school.

## Elizabeth's Embroidery - Uniform orders for the next academic year



Uniform orders can be placed directly with Elizabeth's Embroidery at any time throughout the school year. ([www.elizabethsembroidery.co.uk](http://www.elizabethsembroidery.co.uk)) password – Byerley

**Now** is the time to start thinking about ordering uniform for the start of the next academic year. Normally, delivery time is between 5-10 days from Elizabeth's receiving your order; however, as this is now the busiest time of the year for them, it can take up to 4 weeks for your uniform order to be processed and delivered.

If you intend to order school uniform for our return in September and want it to be delivered to school before we break up for the Summer Holidays, please bear these timescales in mind, and allow plenty of time. (School will be closed for the summer holidays and we will not be able to take deliveries.)

## Virtual Parents' Evenings

I would like to pass on my thanks for your support and patience as we tried out a new way of holding Parents' Evenings last week. We had a fantastic take up of this virtual method of communicating with you.

As this was a new venture to school and parents, we did expect a few teething problems. However, overall, the process worked very well and I have received positive feedback from parents and staff.

I know that a few parents experienced some technical difficulties and I thank you for your tolerance as we tried to work around these issues to ensure that you still received relevant information about your child.

## Cycles and Scooters

It is lovely to see so many children travelling to school by bicycle or scooter. Please could I ask that if your child comes to school on their cycle or scooter to school, that they wear a helmet. We do not want any nasty head injuries if they fall off.

Thank you.