

Byerley Park Primary School Newsletter

Issue 5

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Dear Parents/carers,

I hope this finds you well.

It was lovely to welcome the parents of KS2 pupils in to school for our Remembrance Service. I just wanted to apologise if you weren't able to get a seat. These assemblies are not normally as busy. After discussions in school, we are going to provide tickets for future events so that we know how many people are coming and we may run the event twice so that there is more space for an audience and therefore less busy.

Your child may have told you that we had important visitors in school yesterday. As new leaders in school, Mr Everson and I asked for a school review from the Local Authority. We wanted to ensure that our judgements about the school and our chosen areas for improvement matched what they saw, which I'm pleased to say they did. An area they focused on as a strength was the behaviour and attitudes to learning from the children in school. One adviser described our pupils as 'delightful' which I completely agree with. Many of the pupils spoke with the advisers and were confident, articulate and respectful throughout. I was very proud of them.

Have lovely weekend and many thanks for your continued support.

Take care,
Mrs Pattison

Children in Need - Friday 19th November

Once again, we will be supporting the Children in Need appeal.

We are asking children to wear something spotty instead of their school shirt and tie (please wear school skirt/trousers on the lower part of the body). There is no need to buy an outfit especially for this day - you could sellotape paper or fabric spots on to a top. Donations of at least £1 should be made using the following link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4928> You can pay this any time from now up until the 19th November. All proceeds will be sent directly to Children in Need.



If pupils do not wish to dress up, that is fine. Normal uniform applies.

Thank you for your support.

KS2 SATS 2022

All Y6 children will have SATs during the week of 9th to 12th May 2022.

KS1 children will take tests throughout the month of May.

Top Table with Mrs Pattison



To reward the fantastic behaviour and manners of children in the lunch hall, we are inviting 12 children each week to sit at the top table with Mrs Pattison on a Friday lunchtime.

Lunchtime supervisors and kitchen staff pick pupils based on their sustained table manners, politeness and behaviour whilst eating their lunch.

Pupil Safety

As the nights are now closing in and it is getting darker earlier, we would like all parents to make sure that children are safe when walking home after school.

It is important that children can be seen by motorists, especially if they have to cross roads. Reflective clothing is a good idea. Please ask your child to follow the Green Cross Code and keep to illuminated footpaths and walkways.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

As previously notified, the original date for the Nasal Flu Vaccinations was postponed by the NHS Vaccination Team.

An alternative date of 30th November has been given and all children whose parents have already given consent for the nasal flu vaccine will have this on the morning of Tuesday 30th November.

Recycling Scheme for small electrical and battery operated items



We have signed up with Durham County Council to pilot a 'small electrical and battery operated items' recycling scheme.

If you recycle using our school collection box (Number 55) you can enter the DCC free monthly competition to be in with a chance to win a prize courtesy of their partners at AO.com. For more information about this, go to: [Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment \(WEEE\) recycling - Durham County Council](#)

If you have a small electrical or battery operated item that no longer works, rather than put it in your domestic waste bin destined for landfill, you can send it to school and we will recycle it for you. Items could include:

Freeview boxes	electric shavers	power tools
CD Players/radios	electric toothbrushes	sat navs
remote controls	kettles	digital cameras
electronic toys	digital alarm clocks	handheld games consoles
headphones	irons, toasters	tablets
hairdryers	sandwich makers	phones
hair straighteners/curling tongs	electric scales	extension leads
hair trimmers	blenders	etc

This list is not exhaustive and you may have suitable items that are not included here. All we ask is that if the item will fit in a carrier bag, then we will take it. If the item is larger than this, please recycle it at a household waste recycling centre or organise a bulky waste collection for larger items at www.durham.gov.uk/bulkywaste

School Closure

Please remember that school will be **closed to pupils** on **Friday 26th and Monday 29th November** as these are allocated as staff training days.

Reading Corner

The tip for this Newsletter is:

'Make Space'

Have a special place or a certain time when you read together with your child.