

Byerley Park Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As this is the last newsletter of this academic year I just wanted to say thank you for your continued support over the past year. With the easing of Covid restrictions, school life is almost back to normal which is a relief for us all.

We are making adjustments all of the time so that we can provide the best education and opportunities for your children. You will have attended our new style Sports Day by the time you read this and we would welcome any feedback you have.

School reports will be sent out with children on the 15th July. We have also given these a new format with the aim of giving you as clear and honest a picture of your child's time in school as possible. We will report on if your child is working below, within or above national expectations in English, Maths and Science and will report on the effort that they make in all subjects. Staff have also made comments on every subject your child is taught as well as writing some general comments at the end. Attendance reporting will be more detailed and will give you a breakdown of when your child was absent as well as an attendance percentage for the full year. This will be included with your child's report. Results of any national assessments that your child has taken this year will also be included.

To make attendance awards more attainable, we are changing the termly 100% attendance award to an Excellent Attendance award from this term onwards. I do not feel it is fair that children who have missed maybe one or two sessions in a whole year should not be rewarded, so anyone with 98% attendance and above will now receive an award. Next year we will also start rewarding improved attendance to individuals whose attendance shows significant improvements.

I hope you have a fantastic summer. Fingers crossed for some decent weather and lots of lie ins!

Take care,

Mrs Pattison

This will be our final newsletter of this academic year. In it, we would like to say farewell to all of our Y6 pupils who are moving on to the next step in their education. We wish you all the very best for the future. They have done remarkably well in the KS2 SATs, especially considering the disruption we have had over the last few years. We are all very proud of what they have achieved and they should be too.

Just a reminder that the Leavers' Assembly for the parents of the Year 6 pupils will be held on 19th July at 2:30pm.

Staff News

We welcome the following new staff members to Byerley Park:

Mrs V. Barber – Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant

Mrs J. Mullen – Kitchen Assistant

Mrs E. Tinkler – Teaching Assistant

Teaching/Teaching Support staff for the next Academic Year will be as follows:

	Class Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Reception Class	Mrs Bowes	Mrs North/Mrs Dunn
Year 1	Mrs Reed (Mon/Tue/Wed am) Mrs Tyrell (Wed pm/Thur/Fri)	Mrs K. Wilson
Year 2	Mrs Dunn	Mrs J. Wilson/Mrs Aither
Year 3	Mrs Blakey	Mrs Potts
Year 4	Mrs Plumb	Mr North
Year 5	Mrs Watts	Mrs Robinson/Mrs Dobinson
Year 6	Mr Everson	Mrs Wimbury/Mrs Tinkler
PPA Cover	Mr Gargan	

End of Term PTA led School Disco

The PTA will be hosting an end of term disco on Thursday 14th July.

Infants - 5.30pm – 6.50pm

Juniors - 7pm – 8.30pm

£2.50 per child to include entertainment, light snack & drink.

Payment must be made via ParentPay by 4pm on 14th July, at the very latest. Cash will not be accepted on the door.

Vandalism to school premises over the summer holidays tends to increase. Although we have fencing around our perimeter, we do know that some people still try to get in to the school grounds.

We would be very grateful if any parent who sees people on the grounds, causing a nuisance, ring the Police on 101. With your help we may keep it to a minimum.

School Meals

From September 2022, the price of a school meal will be £2.25 per day, £11.25 per week. Our current menus will continue until the October half term, when the winter menu will be used. For years 1 – 6, this new menu will be sent home with children who take school meals, for you to choose meal options with your child. More information will follow about this nearer the time.

Considerate and safe car parking when dropping off/picking up children

Please could I once again remind Parents and other adults who are dropping off and picking up children from school to bear in mind the Highway Code and refrain from parking either illegally or inconsiderately to other road users, pedestrians and residents of the houses near school.

Please do not park on the yellow zigzag lines outside of school. In addition to the zig-zag lines, there are 'no-stopping' signs displayed which means that you are not allowed to park here under any circumstances from Mon-Friday between the hours of 8am-6pm.

Can drivers also be aware of where they are dropping off children so that they are safe and not in danger of being knocked over by other vehicles? For example, some children are being dropped from vehicles in or opposite the junction of the school car park and are walking/running directly into the path of traffic!

Living with Covid

You will be aware from the current news that nationally there is an increase in the number of cases of Covid-19. Current Government guidance for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19 can be found using the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19>

In a nutshell, with regards to children and young people aged 18 years and under, the guidance is that children and young people should not to be tested for Covid-19 unless directed to do so by a health professional. If children display symptoms of a respiratory infection (e.g. high temperature, fever, chills, continuous cough, muscle aches and pains, headache, sore throat, stuffy or runny nose etc.) and feel unwell, they should remain at home and rest until they feel better. If they do test positive for Covid-19, children should remain away from school for 3 full days after the day of the test.

Please use the link above to access the full guidance.

We are coming to the end of a very busy but enjoyable summer term. We hope you all have a pleasant summer break **and look forward to pupils starting the new school year on Tuesday 6th September.**

Remember that we will be back to our traditional school uniform (grey trousers/skirt/pinafore, blue shirt/blouse and tie with blue sweatshirt or cardigan). Proper black school shoes please, no trainers or boots.

Whilst we encourage individuality, we expect pupils to come to school with a suitable hairstyle and not, for example, wearing a lot of gel, tram lines, rats tails or extreme haircuts. Please keep these styles for the holidays.