

Byerley Park Primary School Newsletter

Issue 3 – 20th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome to our third newsletter of the year. As ever there is a lot of useful information so please read it thoroughly. The all-important term dates are on the final page so this is definitely worth making a note of.

Thank you so much for your attendance at Parents' Evenings this week. Staff always enjoy the opportunity to meet you all and I know as a parent, it is always lovely to be able to see the work your children are completing in school. It was the first face to face only Parents' Evening we have held since Covid and we really appreciate your patience when appointments may have run over.

Have a lovely half term break, when it comes, and hopefully this wild weather doesn't last too long or cause too much damage.

Take care,
Mrs Pattison

KS1 Harvest Assembly

KS1 children performed a wonderful Harvest Assembly last week. We hope that those parents of KS1 children who attended, were very impressed with the children and their fabulous singing.

Thank you to everyone who contributed so very generously to our Harvest collection for Newton Aycliffe Foodbank. The donations have been taken to the Foodbank and the volunteers who run it were overwhelmed with gratitude for all the items that were given and have said that it will help many needy families in our area.

Visitors often comment on how smart our children look. Thank you for your support in maintaining our high standards for uniform. Ties form a part of our school uniform and these must be worn for the Autumn and Spring Terms.

It is only in the Summer Term when we allow white polo shirts to be worn without ties.

Advance Notice – Remembrance Assemblies for KS2 parents/carers – Friday 10th November



Due to high attendance at the Remembrance Assemblies in previous years, and the limited space that we have available to safely accommodate parents/carers and children, we have decided to offer two Remembrance Assemblies this year on Friday 10th November. One will start at 9.30am and the second one will start at 2.30pm. Both Assemblies will be the same.

The children and staff work very hard to prepare for this Assembly and it is always very moving. Tickets (free of charge) for the Assemblies must be obtained via ParentPay and these will be limited to two tickets per family. You can either get 2 tickets for one Assembly or one ticket for each Assembly. Please do not order more than 2 tickets, per family in total.

Tickets will be made available to order at 4pm on Friday 27th October and the tickets will be sent home with your child when we return to school after the half term break.

If there are any tickets left by Wednesday 8th November, a text will be sent out and you may ask for one additional ticket at this time. Any spare tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

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:

Diarrhoea and/or vomiting – children should remain away from school for 48 hours AFTER the last episode of either diarrhoea and/or vomiting.

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.

CEOPS – Child Exploitation and online protection



As part of our work on keeping the children safe online, we are asked to ensure parents are aware of the CEOP website, which gives information and advice on safeguarding children from online abuse.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Donations to Charities

We thought it would be useful to let you know the charities that we are supporting this year.

Macmillan Cancer Support,
Newton Aycliffe Foodbank,
Children in Need,
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
Comic Relief

The PTA will also hold fundraising events for the school.

We are very appreciative of your continued support in our efforts to raise much needed funds for these very worthwhile charities, especially in these challenging economic times.

Children in Need – Friday 17th November 2023



We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 17th November. Children may come to school dressed in something spotty **instead of school uniform**, for a donation to Children in Need. Please use the following link to donate:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11769>

There is no need to buy anything special to wear for this day, you can be creative and stick spots on a tee shirt or school sweatshirt.

Blue Peter Reading Badge

Have you ever thought of applying for a Blue Peter Reading Badge? Further information can be found here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

To earn this badge, you must:

- Be aged between 5-15 years old.
- Tell Blue Peter about a book you have read and what you think about it. Maybe you liked the characters, or perhaps you enjoyed going on exciting adventures in faraway places.
- Upload your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.
- Let Blue Peter know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why.
- Get your parent or guardian to help you fill out your form and personal details.
- Apply for the badge online using the above link or download the paper application form from Blue Peter website.
- Ask your parent or guardian for permission to apply and ask them to read the **Privacy Notice** and **badge attraction terms and conditions**.
- If applying by post, send your application with the correct postage to: **Blue Peter, BBC Bridge House, MediaCityUK, Salford, M50 2BH.**

Reading Corner

Top tips for reading with your child at home



As we all know, there is a lot more to reading than just reading! We will use this space in our Newsletter to give you top tips to help you during reading sessions with your child at home.

- ***What is happening?***

Talk about what is happening in the pictures before you read the text. What can you see?

Remember, you do not always have to read the entire book every night. Focus on 2 pages and talk about the characters, setting and plot in lot of details.

Holidays for the Academic Year 2023-2024

Holiday	Last day at school for pupils	Re-open to Pupils for Teaching
Summer 2023 (6 weeks + 1 INSET day)	Friday 21 st July 2023	Tuesday 5 th September 2023 (INSET day for staff on Mon 4 th Sept)
Autumn Half Term 2023 (1 week)	Friday 27 th October 2023	Monday 6 th November 2023
2 x INSET days	Thursday 23 rd November 2023 (INSET days for staff on Friday 24 th & Monday 27 th November)	Tuesday 28 th November 2023
Christmas 2023 (2 weeks + 1 INSET day)	Tuesday 19 th December 2023	Wednesday 3 rd January 2024 (INSET day for staff on Tuesday 2 nd Jan)
Spring Half-Term 2024 (1 week)	Friday 16 th February 2024	Monday 26 th February 2024
Easter 2024 (2 weeks + 1 INSET day)	Wednesday 27 th March 2024 (INSET day on Thursday 28 th March)	Monday 15 th April 2024
May Day (1 day)	Friday 3 rd May 2024	Tuesday 7 th May 2024
Summer Half-Term 2024 (1 week)	Friday 24 th May 2024	Monday 3 rd June 2024
Summer 2024 (6 weeks)	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	Wednesday 4 th Sept 2024 (INSET day for staff on Tues 3 rd Sept)

Holidays for the Academic Year 2024-2025

	Last day at school for pupils	Re-open to Pupils for Teaching
Summer 2024 (6 weeks + 1 INSET day)	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	Wednesday 4 th Sept 2024 (INSET day for staff on Tues 3 rd Sept)
Autumn Half Term 2024 (1 week)	Friday 25 th October 2024	Monday 4 th November 2024
1 x INSET day	Thursday 21 st November 2024 (INSET day for staff on Fri 22 nd Nov)	Monday 25 th November 2024
Christmas 2024 (2 weeks inc 1 INSET day)	Friday 20 th December 2024	Monday 6 th January 2025 (INSET day for staff on Fri 3 rd Jan)
Spring Half-Term 2025 (1 week)	Friday 21 st February 2025	Monday 3 rd March 2025
Easter 2025 (2 weeks inc 1 INSET day)	Thursday 10 th April 2025 (INSET day for staff on Friday 11 th April)	Monday 28 th April 2025
May Day (1 day)	Friday 2 nd May 2025	Tuesday 6 th May 2025
Summer Half-Term 2025 (1 week)	Friday 23 rd May 2025	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Summer 2025 (6 weeks, inc 1 INSET day)	Friday 18 th July 2025 (INSET day for staff on 21 st July)	To be determined