

# Byerley Park Primary School Newsletter

## Issue 5

### 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to 2024! I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. The children seem to have settled back into school quickly and busy school life has resumed.

I am pleased to let you know that Mrs Wimbury, who was the Teaching Assistant in Year 6, has taken over the role of leading PPA cover in Years 2 – 6 in her new role in school as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant.

I would also like to take the opportunity to give a final reminder about applying for a Reception place for the 2024 intake. If your child will turn 5 between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025, you need to apply for their school place by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. This can be done online at [Apply now for a primary school place - deadline 15 January 2024 - Durham County Council](#)

Take care,  
Mrs Pattison

#### Behaviour Tracker & Rewards Scheme

To reward good behaviour, the names of all children who did not have any marks made on the behaviour tracker over the last term were entered into a draw to win a £5 Book Token. The lucky winners drawn out in Assembly before we broke up for Christmas were:

KS1 – Sophia, Year 1      KS2 – Jake, Y4



The School Photographer will be in School on the morning of **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January** to photograph the children. **ALL** children will be photographed **unless you notify us otherwise.**

Siblings will be taken together. If you would like photographs of siblings to be taken as individuals, as well as with brothers and sisters, **please let the school office know, in writing, by the day before the photographs are due to be taken.**

#### Reading Corner



To help your child with reading, our top tip for this Newsletter is:

***‘Read everything out loud’***

**i.e.** Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels etc. Anything that is close to hand!

#### Helpful dates for your diary for this half-term

Every Thurs	afternoon	Year 5	Swimming Lessons @ NALC
w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan until w/e 28 <sup>th</sup> March	– OSHL (out of school hours learning) Clubs run		
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	morning	Whole School	School Photographs
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3 days	Year 6	Residential trip to Robinwood

School closes at 3.30pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February for half term.  
Children return to school at 9am on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.