

Byerley Park Primary School Newsletter

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Annual School Book Fair

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Please see the information item at the end of this Newsletter for more information on how to buy your books. A separate leaflet from the Travelling Book Fair has been sent home tonight with pupils giving examples of some of the books that will be available to buy.

Change of details/personal circumstances

Please could I remind all parents to let us know of any changes in personal circumstances (e.g. change of address, phone number(s) relationship status, etc.) so that we can keep our records up to date.

It is also important that you notify us of any changes in telephone numbers, just in case we need to contact you during school hours.

We use the text messaging system to notify the main contact person of important events/reminders etc. and this requires the correct up to date mobile phone number of the recipient.

School Website

Our School website can be accessed at www.byerleyparkprimaryschool.co.uk. You will find lots of useful information on it including: back copies of newsletters, term dates, curriculum information relating to your child's class, progression in Maths skills, links to other educational websites and much more.

We aim to keep our website as up to date as possible and we incorporate photographs of the children involved in school activities in our news items. We would like to be able to use images of the pupils which might be close up shots of individuals or groups in the school environment. If you have any objections to your child's image being used on the website, please let us know by writing to the School Office.

**Stop press.....The Macmillan Coffee Afternoon last Friday, raised £474.
Well done Mrs Plumb and Year 4. Thank you to everyone who supported them.**

Sickness



Please will you inform the school office by telephone on **the first day** of your child's absence from school due to ill health, by **9.30am**. The pupils will require a letter confirming the reason for their absence on their return to school.



Thank you to Mrs Vennard who has kindly volunteered to look after and cultivate our garden/allotment area.

We look forward to seeing the fruits (and vegetables) of her labour!

For safety reasons, please note that the pedestrian school gates at each side of the yard will be locked at approximately 9.15am each day. They will remain locked until 3.05pm.

Parents' Consultation Evenings – Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th October 2018

Text messages have been sent out to the first contact parent, with a link to our new Parents' Evening online booking system, inviting you to book an appointment for your child's parents' evening. We hope you have found this new method of booking appointments quick, easy and convenient. Any feedback (positive or constructive criticism) on this process would be welcomed.



Harvest Assembly



KS1 performed a wonderful Harvest Assembly this morning.

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to our Harvest collection for Newton Aycliffe Foodbank. It is very much appreciated and the volunteers who run the Foodbank say it will help many needy families in our area.

Parent View – Ofsted Website

As a school, we like to seek the views of parents throughout the year so that we can work together to make life at Byerley Park as enjoyable and fulfilling as possible for our pupils. Ofsted have set up a forum for parents to have their say about their opinions of their child's school. I would like to encourage as many parents as possible to complete this online questionnaire **each academic year**, which will only take a couple of minutes to do. It will give us useful feedback. All responses are anonymous. To go to the questionnaire please visit:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> and select the 'give your views' tab.

Thank you!

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This will be an excellent opportunity to introduce the children to a wide and varied range of good quality books.

At the same time you will also be helping the school to get new books for the library and classroom through the commission we earn on each book sold.

The children's book leaflet has been given to all pupils today, showing a selection of *some* of the titles that will be available. Please come and visit the Book Fair to see the complete range. Payment for books should be made at the fair and can be by cash, cheque or debit/credit card.

If you are unable to attend the fair, do not worry, there are several other ways in which you can still order books:

- online at www.travellingbooks.co.uk (they will then be delivered to school for you)
- buy discounted book vouchers from www.travellingbooks.co.uk and give them to your child to 'spend' at the fair
- send a list of the books you would like to buy, together with payment (cash or cheques made payable to Byerley Park Primary School), in a sealed envelope to the school office.

We will send the book(s) home with your child or we can keep them in school for you to collect – just let us know what you would prefer.