

Byerley Park Primary School Newsletter

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Children in Need update



Thank you to everyone who supported our 'wear something spotty' day for Children in Need. So far, we have collected nearly £300! There's still time to contribute via ParentPay if you haven't yet done so.

Christmas Lunch & wear a festive sweater/top day

We will be having a traditional Christmas Lunch on **Tuesday, 11th December**. On this day, children may wear a festive sweater/top instead of their school sweatshirt, if they want to, just for fun.



Poppy Appeal



Thank you to everyone who supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and to those parents who attended a moving Remembrance Service led by KS2.

We collected the fantastic sum of **£327.40** for the Poppy Appeal.

I would like to remind all parents and adults who visit our school that we operate a complete **NO SMOKING** policy in the building and the school grounds. This includes all forms of smoking, including e-cigarettes.



It's that time of year when children and adults pick up coughs, colds and sore throats.



Germs can be passed so easily between children if good personal hygiene is not practised. In school, the children have been told to cover their mouths if they cough or sneeze and to throw tissues away in the bin after they have used one to wipe their nose. Regular, thorough hand washing and proper drying is also encouraged in school.

It would be really helpful if you could reinforce this message at home and if your child does have a runny nose, make sure they have tissues with them when they come to school.

Award for Primary School Contribution to Sports and Physical Activity



I am delighted to share with you that our school was nominated for an award at the Active Durham, East and South East Durham area partnership. At a presentation evening last week, we were announced as the **WINNERS** in the category for Primary School contribution to sports and physical activity.

As a local winner, our school has now been put forward to compete for the County title in this category.

We are thrilled to have won this award as this recognises the hard work that we have put into ensuring our children are achieving a minimum of 30 minutes of physical activity each day in school.

Cycle Shelter Update



You may already have noticed that the foundations for the cycle shelter have been laid. The shelter has now been ordered from the supplier and we hope to have it installed before Christmas.

Sportshall Athletics

A team of athletes from Years 5 and 6 attended the Leisure Centre earlier this month to compete against other local schools in a Sportshall Athletics Event. The children were great ambassadors for our school and put lots of effort into each activity.

As a result, I am delighted to tell you that we have qualified for the Sportshall Athletics Finals, which are being held on Friday 30th November.

School Games Mark – Gold Award

We had a special visitor to school this week. Paul Donoghue, from Sedgefield SSP presented us with our School Games Gold Award for 2017-18. This is in recognition of our commitment to Physical Education across the school. The school had to meet strict criteria and we are only one of six schools in our partnership area to achieve the highest award possible.

Great Aycliffe Town Council Annual Fireworks Display Safety Poster Competition 2018

We are thrilled to announce that three of our pupils have won a competition to design a safety poster. Rose from Reception Class won second prize for her age group and Nathan and Kate from Year 6 were first and third respectively in the Y5/6 category. They have been invited to attend a presentation evening at the Council Offices. Well done, children!

Breakfast Club update

Following the questionnaire that was sent to all parents, the subject of a Breakfast Club was once again discussed at the Full Governing Body Meeting on Monday 19th November.

Governors examined the responses noting that there was a low response rate. Some parents stated that they would use a club, but not every day and others said they would not be prepared to pay for this service.

Governors discussed the huge undertaking that would be involved in order to successfully run a breakfast club, including staffing, resources, lack of availability of space within school and noted the potential unpredictable use of the service on a daily basis and whether this would make the offer of a breakfast club viable.

It was unanimously decided that Governors do not want the school to commit to providing this club.