

Byerley Park Primary School Newsletter

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Charitable Giving

Since September, we have supported various charities by holding fundraising activities. So far this school year, we have raised money for:

Macmillan Cancer Research	£474
Poppy Appeal	£327
Children in Need	£300
The Samaritans	£253 (from raffle ticket sales at Carol Concert and PTA donation from sales of Tea/coffee)

We have also donated a large amount of food items for the Newton Aycliffe Foodbank. It is good that children learn that there are many other people less fortunate than us and that we can help and make a difference to these people.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated!

Free to a good home!

We are looking to find a new home for our school piano.

It is offered for free to anyone who would like it. It is in good condition but does need to be tuned.

If you would like to take this piano off our hands, please contact the School Office to let us know, as soon as possible.

Date for the Diary – PTA Meeting

Wednesday 9th January 2019

There will be a PTA meeting at 3.30pm on Wednesday 9th January. The main focus of the meeting is to discuss the Summer Fayre. Anyone who would be interested in supporting this venture is encouraged to attend this very informal meeting.

The PTA are always looking out for new ideas and inspiration for events to enrich the experiences of our pupils and your support would be welcomed.

The PTA have a facebook page. Search 'Byerley Park PTA Events' and ask to become a member of this group to keep up to date with fundraising activities.

Internet Safety - Parental Controls



Many children will be getting new electronic toys and gadgets over Christmas. It is important to help them use them safely.

The best way of protecting children is to play alongside them and help them learn safely, but setting up Parental Controls on new devices will provide additional safety. This website provides guidance on how to set this up on a wide range of devices:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/controls/interactive-guide/>

The website also has lots of very useful leaflets and advice for parents, including online safety tips for parents of children aged 0-5, 6-10, 11-14 and 14+.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/esafety-leaflets-resources/>

School Meals

Our wonderful Kitchen Staff prepare and cook delicious, nutritionally balanced and healthy school meals every school day. Children can choose, from a set menu, which hot meal and dessert they would like to have cooked for them. All this for £2.05 per day (£10.25 per week).

If your Junior aged child is currently on packed lunches, and they would like to change to school dinners in the New Year, please let the Office know by the end of this week.

Parking

Following a number of complaints from fellow parents and residents living on Staintondale, **PLEASE** can I ask that you are mindful of your driving practices and are considerate to other road users and pedestrians when dropping off and picking up children from school.

There is more room for parking further up Staintondale or on Meadowfield Way, that would not involve parking across dropped kerbs or blocking residents in. Please **DO NOT** use the school car park entrance to drop off children and turn around. This causes obstructions and is dangerous to pedestrians trying to cross the road and travelling motorists. Pupils do not have to be dropped off right in front of the school gates!

Please also note, the School Car Park is for **STAFF**, not for parents.

Thank you for reading this notice.



We have enjoyed lots of Festive activities over the last few weeks. The Infant department had a brilliant trip to Hardwick Park. We have been entertained this morning by a travelling Theatre Company who performed the pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty'.

All Junior and Infant children worked extremely hard this half term to learn words, sing songs and rehearse to enable them to put on magnificent performances for Parents. We hope you enjoyed watching them perform in either the Nativity Play or Carol Service.

For the rest of this week, we have class parties – the whole of the Infant Department will have their Christmas Party today, Year 3 and Year 4 have theirs tomorrow and Year 5 and Year 6 will have their party on Thursday afternoon.

We are now coming to the end of a very busy but enjoyable Autumn term. All the staff would like to wish Parents, children and their families a Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

Children will return to school on **Monday 7th January 2019**.