

# *Byerley Park Primary School Newsletter*

## *Issue 8*

### *15<sup>th</sup> January 2019*

#### **KS2 SATs dates for 2019 and Assessments for all pupils**

May 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>. All Y6 will be having SATs tests during this week. Please ensure your child is at school during all of this week.

The rest of the school will take on-going assessment tests throughout the months of May and June. It is vitally important that your child does not miss school, especially during these months.

#### **Attendance**

As you will know, it is very important that regular attendance at school is crucial for your child's academic attainment and achievement. Our school attendance target is set at a minimum of 96%. We monitor each child's attendance rigorously, in line with Durham County guidance. If your child's attendance dips below 93% you will receive an advisory letter from school alerting you to potential persistent absence. If your child has an underlying medical condition, it is important that you inform the school and provide medical evidence so that this can be taken into consideration.

#### **School Uniform Policy**

Many visitors and guests comment on how smart our children look in their school uniform. When we go on school trips, positive comments are often made about our children, both about their presentation and their behaviour.

Please could I remind parents and pupils of the following points:

- During the Autumn and Spring Terms, ties must be worn with a blue shirt or blouse. A V-neck royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan can be worn over the shirt/blouse, but the tie should still be visible. It is only in the Summer Term when pupils may wear a white polo shirt instead of a blue shirt/blouse and tie.
- Black school shoes must be worn in and around school. Trainers are not allowed, except for outdoor PE or playtimes.
- In bad weather, children can come to school wearing boots/wellingtons or trainers, but they must change into their proper school shoes once they are here.
- Warm outdoor coats/hats/gloves should be worn to school, as we do play out at lunchtime and breaktimes and it is important that children can be wrapped up warmly. Please name these items so they can be reunited with the correct owners.
- Nail varnish is not allowed. Please ensure it is removed before the start of school.
- Earrings – these should only be studs. For safety reasons, they must not be worn during PE.
- Hairstyles should be appropriate and not, for example, with shaved patterns, stripes, wearing gel or an extreme hairstyle. Pupils with long hair, should wear it tied back.

Thank you for your support of our uniform policy. I am sure that we can work together to maintain the high standards of uniform that we have.

#### **Piano update**

I am delighted to tell you that our school piano now has a new home in the Music Department at Greenfield School.



The School Photographer will be in School on **Wednesday 30<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 us know in writing and before the day that the photographs are taken.**

Pre-school children are welcome to be brought into school to have their photographs taken with older brothers and sisters - please come to School Hall from 8.50am - 9.10am.

### **ParentPay – Secondary Accounts & Email communication**

All communication sent to you from school via email is also stored on your ParentPay account, under the communication heading. This means that you always have the opportunity to access previous correspondence from this area if ever you need to.

It is also possible to create secondary ParentPay accounts for parents who do not have the main account for their child. All you need is an email address.

If you would like a secondary payer account, please contact Mrs Vincent or Mrs Mason in the School Office, who would be more than happy to help you.

### **Found Property**

- We had a black push bike handed in to us a couple of weeks before we broke up for Christmas. It was found outside the school grounds. The Police have been notified, but it has still not been claimed. If you think the bicycle may belong to you, please contact the school with a description of the bike. Hopefully, we can reunite it with its rightful owner.
- A mouth organ was also handed in before Christmas. This was found on the playground. If this is yours, please contact the School Office to claim.

### **Helpful dates for your diary for this half-term** (more information will follow re: some activities)



Tues afternoons	afternoon	Year 5	Swimming lessons until 20 <sup>th</sup> March.
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	5.30pm	Year 5	Parents' & pupils' meeting re: Robinwood trip
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan –	2.30pm -4.30pm	Interested parents	Mathematics Family Learning
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> April			10 week programme
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	5.00pm	Year 6	Parents' & pupils' meeting re: SATS & France
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	morning	Whole School	Individual/sibling school photographs
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	afternoon	Selected KS2 pupils	Primary Schools Swimming Gala at NALC
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Residential Trip	Year 5	Robinwood Activity Centre
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	all day	Year 2	Educational Visit to Centre for Life
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	morning	Reception class	Multi-skills event @ Leisure Centre
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	morning	Selected Y3/Y4 pupils	Gymnastics Activities at NALC
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	5.30pm – 6.50pm	Rec/Y1 & Y2	PTA led end of half-term disco
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7pm – 8.30pm	Y3/Y4/Y5 & Y6	PTA led end of half-term disco
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	morning	Whole School	Theatre Production – 'The Selfish Giant'

**School closes at 3.30pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February for half term.  
Children return to school at 9am on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019**