



BYERS GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2016

Dear Parents,

We have a very busy and exciting half term ahead of us. Please note the following:

INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Our school has received notification from Unison and ATL that their members have voted in favour of strike action on 2 consecutive days, Tuesday 8 & Wednesday 9 November 2016. Following a risk assessment based on the number of staff expected to be available on the days in question, I can inform you that our school will be unaffected and will be open as usual.

CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER

We will be supporting this charity event by having a non-uniform day and asking for a contribution of at least £1 per child to take part.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER

As part of our Christmas fair, we are hoping to have a tombola stall and a raffle. Donations of small gifts, chocolate, tins, packets and bottles would be gratefully appreciated.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME - WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER

We have now paid for all the tickets so, if you have not yet paid, please ensure the money is sent into school as soon as possible. The price per child is £13.50 - this includes the cost of the ticket, transport and a drink.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

These are listed below and more details will follow nearer the time.

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
CHRISTMAS FAIR	FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER AT 1.15pm
INFANT NATIVITY	TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER AT 1.15pm
JUNIOR PERFORMANCE	TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER AT 2.00pm
INFANT NATIVITY	WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER AT 9.15am
JUNIOR PERFORMANCE	WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER AT 10.00am
PANTOMIME AT GALA THEATRE	WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER AT 1.30pm
CHRISTMAS DINNER	THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER AT 12.00noon
CHRISTMAS PARTY	THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER AT 3.15pm

As the new arrangements for Christmas performances worked so well last year, we will once again split these into two separate events (an infant nativity and a junior performance) with two performances of each. The dates and times of these performances are listed above. Each event will be ticketed separately and two tickets will be allocated to the families of the children who will be performing. We will let you know by text message when tickets are available for collection. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Blenkiron.

WALKING BUS VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for adults who are able to give up a little of their time and help with our walking bus on a voluntary basis. Anyone who would like to become involved can speak to Mrs Blenkiron for further information.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

School will close for the holiday on **Friday 16 December 2016 at 3.15pm**. We return on **Tuesday 3 January 2017**.

Mr W. Kirtley (Headteacher)