



# **BYERS GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

## **MONDAY 3 JULY 2017**

Dear Parents,

Please note the following:

### **OOMPAH BRASS – Wednesday 12 July**

We are excited that we have been able to book a performance from this Bavarian-style brass group as part of Durham's 2017 Brass Festival. We are hoping for good weather so that we can have an outdoor show.

### **SEASIDE TRIP – Friday 14 July**

Once again, our annual whole school trip will be to Seaburn. Our school fund will cover the full cost of this outing and we will provide each child with an ice lolly. Please do not send any money with your child. We will leave shortly after 9am and return for normal home time. Your child will need the following:

- Bucket and spade (if desired) – must be named
- A towel
- Casual clothing and suitable footwear for the beach (suited to the weather)
- A waterproof coat and sun cream

If your child usually has a school meal, our school kitchen will supply a packed lunch. If you would like to send any extra items on the day, please put them in a disposable bag or container. No fizzy drinks please.

### **SPORTS DAY/COFFEE AFTERNOON - Monday 17 July (Weather permitting)**

Our annual sports day will take place in the multi-use games area (MUGA). The event will commence at approximately 1.15pm and all parents, family and friends are welcome through the side gate from 1pm. This gate will be locked at 1.15pm – if you arrive after that time please use the main entrance. Our Friends of School group will be selling refreshments from the gazebo. Should the weather be unsuitable for the sporting activities, the coffee afternoon will still take place as usual in the hall.

### **ONLINE SAFETY**

Please see the advice below from Paul Hodgkinson (advisory teacher with responsibility for online safety for Durham County Council):

*Snapchat has developed a new feature called Snap Maps which allows users to see the location of other users of Snapchat. There are three possible settings: sharing with no-one (Ghost Mode), sharing with select friends (Chose which friends you share your location with) and my friends (Share your location with all your friends). Many children have a large number of "friends" on their accounts, who they probably do not know well, and could be accidentally sharing their location. Schools will want to encourage parents to check their child's privacy settings if they allow their child to use Snapchat (the minimum age is 13, in compliance with the U.S. Children's Online Privacy Protection Act).*

Full details are provided in the UK Safer Internet Centre blog at:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/introducing-%E2%80%98snap-maps%E2%80%99-new-location-sharing-feature-snapchat>

## **STAFF UPDATE**

I am pleased to inform you that Mr Weeks (Y3/4) and Mrs Mowbray (Y5/6) will be joining our staff as our KS2 teachers for the new academic year. The children who will be in Classes 3 and 4 from September will meet Mr Weeks and Mrs Mowbray next Tuesday when they join us for our 'Moving Up' morning.

Miss Morgan, who has been responsible for our Reception class since January, will continue as our Class 1 teacher from September.

Mrs Bradwell, who currently teaches our Y1/2 class, will be taking maternity leave at some point in the first half of the autumn term. In light of this, Miss Forth will take on the role of our Class 2 teacher from September, with Mrs Bradwell covering the support and intervention role either side of her maternity leave. Early in September, I will look to appoint a temporary support and intervention teacher to cover the period of Mrs Bradwell's maternity leave.

In summary, the class teachers from September 2017 will be as follows:

- Class 1 (Reception) – Miss Morgan
- Class 2 (Y1/2) – Miss Forth
- Class 3 (Y3/4) – Mr Weeks
- Class 4 (Y5/6) – Mrs Mowbray

I am delighted to let you know that Miss Dodds gave birth to baby Archie on Saturday 1 July. Mother and baby are both doing well and we hope to see them in school sometime soon.

Now we are into the last few weeks of her time at our school, I would like to thank Mrs Rose for her hard work and dedication over the last 4 years. I know she has really enjoyed being part of our team at Byers Green and I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best for the future!

## **SUMMER HOLIDAY**

School will close for the summer break on **Friday 21 July 2017 at 3.15pm**. We return on **Tuesday 5 September 2017**.

**Mr W. Kirtley (Headteacher)**