



# **BYERS GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

## **MONDAY 29 JANUARY 2018**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please note the following:

### **SAFER INTERNET DAY – TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY**

The theme of this year's Safer Internet Day is 'Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you'. The children will be taking part in age-appropriate activities with tips and resources to help them make a positive change online, stay safe and help their friends. It would be very much appreciated if you could reinforce this message when your child is using electronic devices at home. Please use the link below to access the 'Top Tips for Parents and Carers' page and to download the Safer Internet Day pack for parents and carers:

[www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018/safer-internet-day-2018-top-tips-parents-and-carers](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018/safer-internet-day-2018-top-tips-parents-and-carers)

### **COFFEE AFTERNOON – FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY**

We will be holding our coffee afternoon on the above date, commencing at 1.15pm. As usual we would be most grateful for the contribution of cakes, scones, biscuits etc. for the refreshment stall. The book club will run throughout the afternoon. If your cupboard is full of Christmas presents that may not be suitable for you, please recycle them - we are always looking for raffle prizes and any donations are most welcome. Lindsay Atkinson (School Nurse) will also be available if parents have any questions or concerns.

### **ATTENDANCE**

In line with Department for Education and Durham County Council procedures, Headteachers may not authorise any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Local Authority is able to issue penalty notices (fines) to parents who fail to ensure their children's regular attendance at school. Please can I remind you that a leave of absence form must be completed for all planned absences. If you have any questions about your child's attendance please just ask.

### **SHARING CONCERNS**

At Byers Green Primary School we always aim to do the best we can for all of the children in our care. However, we recognise that on some occasions you may feel that we could have done things differently. From time to time, we become aware of negative comments made by a small minority of parents on social media – these can be damaging for our school, our staff and our pupils. We would be grateful if you did not raise complaints about our school on social media because, as well as the detrimental effect it can have on staff and pupil wellbeing, it does not allow us an opportunity to respond. Instead we ask that you make an appointment to speak to a member of staff so we can understand your concerns and work together to help solve any problems.

### **SCHOOL START TIME**

Please can I remind you that the school day starts at **8:55am**. Playground supervision by staff begins at **8:45am** and children should not arrive on the school premises before that time. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

### **'WIND ROAD BOYS' WORKSHOPS**

Classes 3 and 4 had a wonderful time taking part in the 'Wind Road Boys' workshops on Friday 19 January. Photographs and a video clip of the sessions are available on our school website. Twelve children were selected to participate in one of the performances of the show taking place in March and they will attend further rehearsal workshops next half term. We offer them our congratulations and wish them the best of luck!

### **HALF-TERM HOLIDAY**

School will close for the half-term holiday on **Friday 9 February 2018 at 3.15pm**. We return on **Monday 19 February 2018**.

**Mr W. Kirtley (Headteacher)**