



# **BYERS GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

## **MONDAY 24 JUNE 2019**

Dear Parents,

Please note the following:

### **SEASIDE TRIP – FRIDAY 5 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:

- Casual clothing and suitable footwear for the beach (weather appropriate)
- Towel
- Waterproof coat and sun cream
- Bucket and spade (if desired) – must be named

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 15 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.

### **BREAK OUT BRASS – FRIDAY 19 JULY**

We are excited that we have been able to book a performance from this brass group as part of Durham's 2019 Brass Festival. We are hoping for good weather so that we can have an outdoor show.

### **ONLINE SAFETY – O2 AND NSPCC**

Talking to your child – openly and regularly – is the best way to help keep them safe online. You might find it helpful to start with a family discussion to set boundaries and agree what's appropriate or you might need a more specific conversation about an app or website your child wants to use or something you're worried about. If you're not sure where to start, use the link below for advice about great ways to begin conversations to keep your child safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/>

In addition to the information provided on the website, you can also call the O2 and NSPCC online safety helpline for free expert advice on 0808 800 5002.

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

It is vitally important that we have up to date contact information for all parents. Please let Mrs Blenkiron know as soon as possible if you change address or telephone numbers. This is particularly important in relation to mobile phone numbers as the vast majority of our day-to-day communication is via our text message system (Teachers2Parents).

## **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2019-2020**

The table below provides an overview of our school holiday dates for the next academic year:

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Closing date</b>	<b>Reopening date</b>
Summer 2019	Friday 19 July 2019	Thursday 5 September 2019
Autumn half term 2019	Friday 25 October 2019	Monday 4 November 2019
Christmas 2019	Friday 20 December 2019	Tuesday 7 January 2020
Spring half term 2020	Friday 14 February 2020	Monday 24 February 2020
Easter 2020	Friday 3 April 2020	Monday 20 April 2020
May Day 2020	Thursday 7 May 2020	Monday 11 May 2020
Summer half term 2020	Friday 22 May 2020	Monday 1 June 2020
Summer 2020	Friday 17 July 2020	To be confirmed

The Government has recently announced that next year May Day will take place on VE (Victory in Europe) Day to celebrate the end of World War Two. This means that the bank holiday will be Friday 8 May 2020 and not Monday 4 May 2020. Also note that the last day of the summer term for the children will be Friday 17 July 2020 and not Monday 20 July 2020 as indicated on the County Council website.

### **STAFF UPDATE**

It is possible that Mrs Mowbray's maternity leave will begin before the end of the summer term, although I know she is hoping to make it to the last day if she can! I am sure you will join with me in wishing her all the best for the remainder of her pregnancy and the safe delivery of her baby at some time in the near future.

In light of Mrs Mowbray's maternity leave, there will be some reorganisation of teaching staff from September 2019 as follows:

- Class 1 (Reception) – Miss Morgan
- Class 2 (Y1/2) – Miss Forth
- Class 3 (Y3/4) – Miss Dodds
- Class 4 (Y5/6) – Mrs Bradwell
- PPA cover – Miss Jewett

Considering the continuing pressure on school budgets, we will not be looking to appoint a support and intervention teacher (a role undertaken this year by Miss Forth) during Mrs Mowbray's absence. This means we will make an overall saving which in turn will help to reduce the size of the predicted deficit for the 2020-2021 financial year.

### **SUMMER HOLIDAY**

School will close for the summer break on **Friday 19 July 2019 at 3.15pm**. We return on **Thursday 5 September 2019**.

**Mr W. Kirtley (Headteacher)**