

## BYERS GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 20.10.23



Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to welcome Miss Jackson to our team. She is training to be a Level 3 Teaching Assistant and has settled in really well.

Please note that we close for half term on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October and re-open on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

### Forest club

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their introduction to Forest School - I am sure your washing machines have too! For the next 4 half terms, we will be alternating which classes will be taking part in Forest School and alternating the after school club offer. Due to Autumn 2 being a very busy term, and the weather becoming more wintery, we will take part in forest lessons every other week. Please note the **after school club** will still be **every week**.

Forest School dates for **Class 3 and 4** in Autumn 2:

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Because Class 3 and 4 are taking part in Forest School lessons during the day, the after school club has been offered to Class 1 and 2 for Autumn 2. This will swap over for Spring 1. We have asked for PE kit to be worn on Forest School days, however due to the wintery conditions, any old, warm clothes can be worn. For those children taking part in the after school club, they can bring clothes to change into/ cover up what they are wearing.

### PE Days

Please see PE days for the next half term:

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Class 2		Class 1		Class 3 Class 4
Class 4 will continue to go swimming – school uniform to be worn				AllStars Tag Rugby with a coach

### Hallowe'en Disco

Friends of School and Nikki Noo will be holding a Halloween disco on **Wednesday 25th October** from 3:30 - 5:00. Tickets cost £3 and children will receive a small snack and drink. Children can bring their costumes to school and change at 3:15. All children to be picked up from the playground at the end of the party.

### After School Clubs

The club final sessions for Autumn1 are as follows:

Craft club and games club final session: 18th October

Tag rugby final session: 19th October.

Forest club final session: 24th October.

The after school club offer for Autumn 2 has been sent out. You will find out next week which club(s) your child has a place in. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

### Parent Governor Vacancies

We have two vacancies on our Governing Body to become a parent governor. This role is voluntary but does require a commitment of time. We have one meeting per term during school time and other meetings

throughout the year to meet staff and discuss standards across school. If you would be interested in joining our governing body, please contact Mrs Blenkiron or I for further information.

### Bikeability

After half term, we will be taking part in Bikeability, which helps to teach your child how to be safe when riding their bike. Year 4, 5 and 6 all have workshops planned. We have sent letters to the appropriate year groups with further details. Please could you follow the links to give consent for your child to take part. Bikes can be stored in school for the duration of the training at your own risk or they can be brought into school every day.

### Nasal flu vaccinations

The nasal flu vaccinations will take place at school on **14 November 2023**, please use the link below to complete either a consent form or a refusal for the vaccinations. The link contains the consent form and additional information such as FAQs regarding the vaccination. The link will close on **7 November 2023**.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/7c1b3fed>

I will also send this link via the website so you can click on it.

### Parents Evening

We will be holding our Parents' Evenings on the following dates from 3:30pm:

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 1,3,4	Parents of children with no siblings in school
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 2	Parents of children with no siblings in school
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 1,2,3,4	Parents of siblings

Miss Dodds, Miss Forth and Miss Jackson will be offering activities in the school hall if you need your children to be supervised while you have your consultation. Further information to follow after half term.

### Upcoming School Visits

Class 3 and 4 will be visiting Hardwick Park on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. They will be completing a workshop linked to their history and geography topics. We ask for a voluntary contribution of £7 to go towards the cost of the workshop and the transport to get there. Further details will be provided in Autumn 2 class newsletters after half term.

Class 2 will be visiting Shildon Railway museum on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. We ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 towards the cost of the bus. As you may be aware the cost of hiring coaches has increased significantly over the past few years so your support will be much appreciated.

### Diary Dates

Please see below a list of dates for your diary.

Date	Event
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Hallowe'en Disco (Nikki Noo and Friends of School) £3 per ticket
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 2 visit to Shildon Railway
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 3 and 4 visit to Hardwick Park
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Fair (Friends of School) Elfridges throughout the day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December (pm) Exact times TBC	Class 1 and 2 Christmas Performance Class 3 and 4 Christmas Sing-Along
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (am) Exact times TBC	Class 1 and 2 Christmas Performance Class 3 and 4 Christmas Sing-Along
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper/ <b>Christmas dinner</b> /cinema afternoon

Thank you for reading our newsletter. Please get in touch if I can help you in any way.

Kind regards,

**G.E.Dodds**

Headteacher