



## BYERS GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 14.12.23

It has been the most wonderful time of year at Byers Green! Thank you so much to everyone who made the school Christmas fair a success. From your donations and crafty cup creations, to those who helped, ran a stall and those who attended, I send my sincere gratitude. The total raised was £1058 and we intend to spend this money on updating reading areas in classrooms, buying resources to create a calming/sensory space in school and buying more books to support reading.

It was also lovely to see so many of you attend the Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter's Church. Thank you to all of the children who joined in the nativity scene.

The Nativity Play and Sing-along also were a huge success and thank you to all of you who attended. It really is lovely to share these special times and make memories for our children. Our raffle and programme sales raised £260, so again thank you for your generosity. This money will be used to purchase some musical instruments for the children.

### Swimming

After Christmas **Class 3** will go swimming on a Monday morning to Spennymoor Leisure Centre with Miss Jackson and Mrs Mowbray. Please can the children bring a bag with a towel, swimming costume/shorts, hat and goggles. Hats are available to buy from the leisure centre for £1.75. It is important that the children have the right equipment for their lesson and it is leisure centre policy to wear hats due to hair clogging the filters. No jewellery should be worn on swimming days.

### PE days for January

| Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday                        |
|---|--|-----------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Class 2   | Class 4  | Class 1   |          | Class 2<br>Class 3<br>Class 4 |
| Class 3 swimming<br>Please note class 3 should wear school uniform to go swimming | Forest school<br>class 1 and 2<br>Please wear old clothes appropriate for outdoors |           |          |                               |

### After school clubs

You should have received your letter with the after school club offer for Spring term. Please ask if you did not get one. We will let you know which clubs your child has secured a place in on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January. If your child no longer wishes to attend the club, please can you let Mrs Blenkiron or I know. From January, we are going to introduce a small snack at the start of the club. This will be provided from school fund.

### TESCO

At the start of term, we applied to take part in the Tesco Stronger Starts In-Store Voting. Our Forest School project has been selected by Tesco Extra at Bishop Auckland. The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000, and the third placed project £500. If you shop in Tesco at Bishop, please vote for us with the blue chip coins and share the news with friends and family! Voting will commence in store from mid-January 2024 until the end of March 2024.

### On-Line Safety

With the weather turning cold and wet, many of our children may spend more time indoors over the next few weeks. Also, Christmas may bring new devices with Internet access. Please see the following website

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#) for a very comprehensive overview of how to keep children safe online. It is important to check in with your children about who they are talking to online and have an open dialogue about what they are accessing. As you will be aware, content on-line is only a click away so please be vigilant.

Please note that school closes on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December and re-opens on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year and look forward to seeing you all safe and well in January.

Kind regards,

**G.E.Dodds**

Headteacher