



Attendance

Our overall attendance is 95.6%. Our aim is to get 97% (or beyond!) this year. There is some excellent attendance across school with lots of classes achieving 100% attendance and gaining an extra playtime! Keep up the hard work Byers Green.

Wrap around care

Thank you for your feedback on the wrap around care consultation. From reading the responses, discussing this provision with other Headteachers and the relevant staff at the County Council, we have decided to run a pilot of the wrap around care. This will start on Monday 26th Feb and run from 3:15-5:15 every night. The club will operate as a carousel of activities, a little like a youth club approach. There will still be Forest Club and Golf Club on offer and as we trial this, we will enhance the provision with additional opportunities. Please be aware that we will be reviewing the offer and the costs as we go. We do not aim to make profit, but hope to be sustainable to provide a service to support our families. More information will come next week with the handbook and booking forms.

Upcoming Events

Valentines disco

Our Valentine's disco will be held on Wednesday 14th February from 3:15 – 5:00pm. Tickets cost £3 which include a drink and small snack. Please be aware that Yoga club and Games club will not be going ahead that night.

Scarecrow festival/ World Book Day

Mrs Bradwell sent letters out regarding the Scarecrow festival. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to get in touch. We very much look forward to celebrating World Book Day and reading our brand new books thanks to the World of Stories programme.

Easter craft morning

We wish to welcome parents and families into school on the morning of Thursday 28th March for Easter crafts and egg decorating. The morning will be similar to the craft afternoon we carried out in the Autumn term. Further details will follow.

Safer Internet Day

We thoroughly enjoyed Rock Stars day and it was fantastic to see the effort our children and families went to. It formed part of a more important message around staying safe online and this week, we have talked in more detail about Online Safety. Please visit the following link to see guides for parents and carers around the topic of staying safe online

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

TESCO

At the start of the year, 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.

Diary Dates

Please see below a list of dates for your diary:

Date	Event
Wednesday 14 th February	Valentine disco – Friends of School
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day Scarecrow Festival
Thursday 28 th March	Easter craft Morning 9:30 – 11:30
Friday 7 th June	Colour Run

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

Kind regards,

G.E.Dodds

Headteacher