



BYERS GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 06.03.24

Please read our latest newsletter for updates about what is happening in school. I always upload the letters to the website if you need to look back.

Foodbank and Angel Trust

Thank you very much for your donations to the local foodbank and the Angel Trust. Both charities were very grateful of our support. It is lovely to see the kindness of our community and thank you once again for your contributions.

World Book Day

Children are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character, in non-uniform or with an accessory to link them to a character on Thursday 7th March. So many fun activities have been planned for the day including a walk around Byers Green looking for scarecrows. Please can children wear appropriate footwear. Thank you so much to everyone who has made a scarecrow! They are absolutely brilliant! Mrs Bradwell wishes she had invited the local press to Byers Green to see our World Book Day event – maybe next year!

Parents Evening

Our Parents' Evening will be held on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March. Mrs Blenkiron will send slips home to enable you to book an appointment. If you would prefer a telephone appointment, please let us know. Your child(ren) are welcome to access Sunset Club while the consultations are taking place. We need to know if you wish to drop your child into our wrap around care so we can check the ratios. Please tick the section of the form to say you wish to access childcare during your appointment. The drop-in will be free of charge. If you want to book your child into Sunset Club for the hour(s) session, this will still be chargeable at £5 per hour.

Wrap-Around Care

Sunset club is our new wrap around care offer. It runs every night from 3:15 – 5:15 and there are a wealth of fun and exciting things to do. Miss Plews runs the club and has so far enjoyed getting to know the children. The wrap around care is enhanced on a Tuesday and Thursday with Forest Club and Golf Club. Please note, that you may be entitled to tax free childcare. Tax free childcare is a government scheme which allows parents to receive a 20% discount on any childcare. At Byers Green, we have signed up to the scheme. If you need any support in seeing if you are eligible, please contact Mrs Blenkiron and she will go through it with you. So far the club is a success and I really hope this is something which we can continue into the new academic year. I will be contacting you in the summer for reviews of the club.

Easter Craft Morning

Our Easter Craft Morning will take place on Thursday 28th March from 9:30 – 11:30. One adult per child will be welcomed into class to take part in decorating hard boiled eggs. If any parents can bring eggs along, that would be much appreciated. If you have younger siblings, who you wish to bring along, please contact Mrs Blenkiron so we are aware of numbers. Other craft activities will take place, just like the Autumn Craft afternoon we had in October. Refreshments will be sold in the hall, a raffle and Easter games will also be available. All money raised goes towards school fund.

Peace Cranes

Miss Forth has arranged for us to take part in a local project. The children have been asked to create origami peace cranes which links to a campaign to pray for world peace and to remember the children lost to bombing. In 1955 Sadako Sasaki, a twelve-year-old Japanese girl, died from the effects of the radiation caused by the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. During her illness, she set herself a target to make 1000 origami cranes. Our children have taken part in a project to make their own peace cranes to be displayed as part of an art installation at Prince Bishops Place in Durham City.

PE days

The PE days for Spring 2 are as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 2 Class 3	Forest school class 3 and 4 Please wear old, warm clothes and footwear appropriate for outdoors	Class 1	Class 4	Class 1 Class 2 Class 3 swimming Please note class 3 should wear school uniform to go swimming

TESCO

If you shop in Tesco at Bishop Auckland, don't forget to vote for us to win the blue chip coin project! Winners receive £1500 which will be used towards enhancing our playground with outdoor learning equipment.

Diary Dates

Please see below a list of dates for your diary:

Date	Event
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day Scarecrow Festival
Monday 18 th March	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 19 th March	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 19 th March	Class Photos in school from 9am
Thursday 21 st March	Year 4 visit to Whitworth Park Academy – more information to follow
Thursday 21 st March	Dental Check for 5 year olds
Monday 25 th – Wednesday 27 th March	Class 2 balance bikes
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