



BYERS GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 15.02.24

It has been another fantastic half term at Byers Green with all kinds of fun activities and high quality learning. School closes on Friday 16th February ready for Spring half term. I hope everyone has a well-earned rest and feels recovered and ready to start the new term on Monday 26th February.

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

Angel Trust Community Collection Hub

The Angel Trust is a charity based in Bishop Auckland who support the local community. They accept donations of unwanted clothes, towels, household linens, shoes, belts and handbags. They also collect old ink cartridges and mobile phones. We have arranged to be a community collection hub for the charity and will accept any donations of unwanted items between Monday 26th February and Friday 1st March. If you have donations, please bring them to the school hall.

Foodbank

We have also been approached to ask for our support towards another local good cause. We have agreed to supporting the Spennymoor Trinity Food Bank. They are in need of donations of: Long Life Fruit Juice/Milk, tins, biscuits, savoury treats, sanitary products and toiletries.

If you have any spare items or could add an item or two to your shopping, we would be very grateful. We will be collecting items between 26th February and Friday 1st March.

Wrap around care

Sunset Club will start on Monday 26th Feb and run from 3:15-5:15 every night. A leaflet and booking form came home earlier in the week. If you did not receive this and wish to sign your child up, please get in touch. 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.

You may be entitled to receive tax free childcare to pay for after school clubs. More information is available on [Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk) This scheme allows you to receive 20% off the costs. If you need any further information, please get in touch.

Attendance

Just a reminder of attendance figures and what they mean for your child. After half term, we will be alerting families to their child's attendance figures if they fall below 90%. If you need any support around attendance, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Percentage	Days absent	Comment	Achievement
Above 97%	Less than 6 days absence per year	Excellent attendance	Will almost certainly achieve full potential
95-96%	10 days absence per year	Missing 2 weeks of school every year	Likely to achieve but could still improve
90-94%	19 days absence per year	Missing one month of school every year	Will be harder for the children to achieve their best
85-89%	29 days absence per year	Missing 6 weeks every school year	High risk of under achievement

80-84%	38 days absence per year	Missing a year of school over the time spent in Primary education	Almost impossible for the children to keep up
BELOW 80%	More than 38 days absence per year	Missing over a year of school over the time spent in Primary education	Extreme impact on learning and development

Upcoming Events

Scarecrow festival/ World Book Day

If you would like to take part in the scarecrow festival, please return your form as soon as possible or let us know via the school office.

Parents' Evening

We will be holding Parents' Evening on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March. These appointments will be face to face. If you wish to request a telephone call, please let us know. Booking forms will be sent out after the half term holidays

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.

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
Monday 26 th February	Return for the start of Spring 2
Monday 26 th Feb – Friday 1 st March	Donations for the Angel Trust and Trinity Food Bank
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
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,

C.E.Dodds

Headteacher