



BYERS GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 13.06.24

Change to School Day

The white paper Opportunity for All sets an expectation that schools should deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2024. This is the equivalent of 6.5 hours per day. **From September**, We have agreed that pupils can continue to arrive at school from 8:45 and the bell for registration will ring at 8:55. We have noticed that some children find it difficult to come into school on a morning so we will change the arrangements **from September** so that the children have a break time on the playground from 8:45 – 8:55. We feel this will ease the children into the school day, where they can chat with friends, run around and have a more relaxed start. The start of the school day will be **8:55**. The school day will then **end at 3:25** – ten minutes later than the current finish time. PLEASE NOTE THESE CHANGES WILL TAKE AFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 2024. If you wish to discuss this with us, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Colour run

It was an absolute pleasure to take part in the Colour Run on Friday 7th June. It was a fantastic afternoon and was so lovely to see so many of our families joining in and watching the event. The children voted in school for which charity they wished to support with their sponsor money and voted for the Team Solan, Connor Fawcett Cancer Trust. Mark Solan attended the event on Friday and was so grateful of our support. I have asked for any sponsor money to be handed in by Friday 14th June so we can add up our total. Mark will then come back into school to hold an assembly and talk to the children about how their money will be used to support local people. Thank you so, so much for your support to make this such a memorable event.

Daisy Chain Work Shop

On Thursday 20th June, Daisy Chain are carrying out a workshop in school from 9:30 – 11:30. This is for any parents who feels their child is autistic, has ADHD or sensory differences. Your child does not need to be diagnosed to attend the workshop. The morning will focus on strategies and ideas to help support your child and give you an opportunity to talk to other parents who may be going through a similar thing.

Missing Uniform and Donated Uniform

A number of parents have mentioned missing uniform items. I have been around the classrooms and have found a lot of lost property. On Friday 21st June, you are invited into school from 3pm to view the lost property and see if any of it belongs to you. If you can't make it at this time, please contact us and arrange a time to pop in.

We get a lot of uniform donated back to us when children have grown out of things or when children leave. We will also set up a stall of donated items, which you are welcome to take if it fits your child. We see the benefits of this to the environment, in that things can be reused and recycled.

If there is anything left at the end of term, we will wash it all and keep it in classrooms as spare items.

Sports Day

Weather permitting, we will hold our Sports Day on Monday 8th July. We will follow the same format as in previous years. The running of the afternoon will be as follows:

Class 1 and 2: 1:00 – 1:40

Class 3: 1:45 – 2:25

Class 4: 2:30 – 3:10

Parents will be invited to sit on the school playground and watch the events in the MUGA. You are welcome to take your child(ren) home after their event.

Beach Trip 2024

This year, our beach trip is changing venue! We are going to Seaham! This will take place on Tuesday 9th July. From 10am – 12pm all of the children will take part in a rock pooling workshop and then will complete other activities with their classes on the afternoon. To get the most out of this trip, we have arranged for the

coach to pick us up at 4pm. We will therefore be back at school for approximately 5pm depending on traffic. Further details about collection arrangements will be shared nearer the time.

PE Days

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Class 2 | Forest school for class 3 and 4 on: 18.06.24 25.06.24 Class 4 | Class 1 | | Class 3 With football coach Class 3 swimming Class 4 With football coach Class 2 |

Diary Dates

| Date | Event |
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| Thursday 20 th June | Daisy Chain workshop |
| Monday 8 th July | Sports Day |
| Tuesday 9 th July | Beach Trip to Seaham |
| Friday 12 th July *Please note this is a date change | ByersFest – outdoor disco in the style of a summer festival |
| Wednesday 17 th – Friday 19 th July | Class 4 Residential visit to Newby Wiske |
| Tuesday 23 rd July | Year 6 Leaver's show 9:10 start |

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

Kind regards,

G.E.Dodds

Headteacher