



## BYERS GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 19.12.24

As the term comes to an end, it is always nice to reflect on everything that has been achieved. Alongside some wonderful learning, progress and mastering of new skills, there have been many other accomplishments. The Christmas Fair was once again a huge success, raising vital money for school funds. This money is used to pay for coaches and subsidise school trips, buy new equipment and support our children's education. Thank you to our community for their kind donations and support. The Christmas shows were a particular highlight this term and it was lovely to see so many members of our community join us in school. It fills me with great pride to see our children come together for events such as this and their singing is simply beautiful.

### Beamish Museum

We have been approached by Beamish Museum to take part in a project about Norman Cornish and Sid Chaplin. Sid spent a period of his life living in Newfield and became a writer. Class 3 and 4 are going to take part in an outreach workshop with the historians at Beamish to learn more about Sid and take part in poetry and art workshops. We will be visiting the museum on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January to learn more and create some work for a public display.

Class 1 and 2 are also going to come to Beamish Museum that day and take part in a workshop called 'Home Sweet Home.'

We ask for a voluntary contribution of £10 towards the entrance fee and coach travel.

### Wrap Around Care

I have sent home an overview of the wraparound offer for next term. We continue to offer one free club per half term to give all children the opportunity of enhancing their interests. The club which will be free next term is Coding – computer programming on laptops with Mrs Mowbray! We will allocate spaces on a first come, first serve basis. Our Thursday offer is an exciting opportunity of basketball with a company called Little Ballers. Sunset club is charged at £5 per hour. If you have any questions around the club or wish to discuss longer hours, please get in touch.

### Class 1 and 2 update

Due to small numbers across Class 1 and 2, we are going to be teaching the children together for more subjects in the new year. Miss Morgan and Mrs Bradwell will be working collaboratively to deliver science, computing and PE. This will allow for intervention and small group work to take place in order to further support all pupils. The children already do work together every Wednesday with Miss Forth and have gelled very well. It is a good opportunity for the children to get even more out of their early years education. Please note that on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Class 1 will be dismissed from Class 2. If you have any questions about this, do not hesitate to get in touch.

### PE days

Please can children come to school on their PE day dressed in PE kit. PE kit comprises of navy joggers and jumper /hoody and a white t-shirt. Please can all hair be tied back and all jewellery be removed. Please wear plain or school branded items only.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 3 swimming at Spennymoor Leisure Centre	Class 1 and 2	Class 1 and 2  Class 3	Class 4	Class 4

### Online Safety

As Christmas approaches, technology may be top of the list for many of our pupils. For support and guidance around keeping your children safe online, please visit:

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

Or

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

## Baby and Toddler Group

Our Baby and Toddler group will continue to run in January from 2:15pm every Friday. Please spread the word as everyone with a preschool child is welcome. Refreshments are available.

## Diary Dates

Please see important dates coming up in the Spring Term.

<b>Date/time</b>	<b>Event</b>
07.01.25	School reopens for teaching
17.01.25	Whole School Visit to Beamish Museum
11.02.25	Safer Internet Day
14.02.25	Valentine disco after school
21.02.25	School closes for half term
03.03.25	School re-opens for Spring 2
06.03.25	World Book Day – Village Scarecrow Hunt (dressed as your favourite book character)
21.03.25	International Day of the Forest – Whole School Forest School Day
11.04.25	Easter Craft Morning for Parents and Carers
<b>More dates will be updated in this table as other opportunities arise – please keep checking.</b>	

From the staff and children at Byers Green, we would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all safe and well in January.

Thank you for reading our newsletter.

Kind regards,

*C.E.Dodds*

Headteacher