



### **World Cup Theme Days**

At Byers Green we carry out fortnightly Pupil Voice sessions where our Class 4 Ambassadors gather the thoughts of all of the children across school. We have two very exciting events coming up soon, where the children have contributed to the planning and ideas behind them.

All of our classes have been assigned World Cup groups. Prizes will be given to the people whose teams reach the final! The groups are as follows:

Class 1 – Group H and Group E  
Class 2 – Group F and Group G  
Class 3 – Group C and Group D  
Class 4 – Group L and Group A  
Kitchen Staff – Group I and Group B  
Mrs B and Miss D – Group K and Group J

On Thursday, the 2nd of July we are going to hold our very own Byers Green World Cup. Children can come to school in PE kit, sportswear or any football kit they wish! They will be in their houses for the day, where they will complete various activities and then take part in a football tournament, leading to Byers Green World Cup.

On Friday, the 3rd of July. The children will be celebrating within their own classes and focusing on a country from one of their groups. The children can come to school dressed up in colours from their country, in football kits or they could come dressed as a mascot that they design themselves!

The classes have chosen:

Class 1 – Cabo Verde!  
Class 2 – Japan  
Class 3 – Australia  
Class 4 – Mexico

### **Byersfest –outdoor summer festival**

The second event the children have been planning is Byersfest. A number of children explained how they took part in clubs after school such as gymnastics and football so asked if Byersfest could take place during the school day so that nobody would miss out. The children came up with lots of ideas such as face painting, glitter tattoos, selling food and karaoke. Plans are now underway to hold Byersfest on Tuesday, the 14th of July in school time. Children can come to school in party clothes ready for our outdoor festival. Stalls will be available with things to buy. The class 4 ambassadors will be designing a leaflet to send out to advertise what will be on sale.

### **The Colour Run**

The colour run has been booked for Friday, the 10th of July and the community are invited to join in with their child like we did in 2024. Families are invited to bring picnic blankets, deck chairs and snacks to the school field to enjoy the special event. We will bring the children to the field at 1:30 and they will stay in their classes in a segregated area. When it is the time for your child to run, family members who want to join them, can come forward to the start line. Once your child's slot is finished, class teachers will sign the children out and hand them over to you, where they can enjoy watching their peers and having a picnic with their family. At Byers Green we are committed to giving the children as many opportunities as possible and for this we use school fund. We would like the colour run to be a sponsored event in order to raise money for school. A sponsor form is attached to this letter. Please note sponsorship is not compulsory in order to take part.

### **Emotional Regulation Coffee Morning**

Elaine Atkinson from the EWEL team will be joining us in school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July from 9:30am to discuss emotional regulation. This is something we do a lot of work on in school and the children are familiar with. We talk about the different zones which relate to feelings. At the coffee morning, Elaine will share strategies to support emotional regulation and I will share with you the toolkits the children have made in each of their classes to support regulating themselves. Refreshments will be available.

## Breakfast Club

We have offered breakfast club at Byers Green since 2018 and have never increased the prices. We have been reviewing the costs of our provision. The cost not only covers the cost of the breakfast items, but also to cover the costs of the staff who supervise the children. From September we will be increasing the cost of breakfast club to £3 per day.

## PE days until end of term

PE days for after half term are as follows:

Class 1	Wednesday	Friday
Class 2	Wednesday	Thursday
Class 3	Monday – Swimming	Friday
Class 4	Tuesday	Friday

## Attendance

At Byers Green Primary School, we know that *every school day counts*. We have always prided ourselves on hitting National Expectations when it comes to attendance but things have started to slip recently. The Department for Education (DfE) is clear that good attendance is essential for children's learning, wellbeing and future success, and that even a small number of missed days can quickly add up. We ask all parents to ensure their child attends school every day unless they are unwell or there are truly exceptional circumstances. In line with national guidance, holidays during term time are not normally authorised, as family holidays are not considered an exceptional reason for absence. If a child is taken out of school without permission, this is recorded as an unauthorised absence and may result in a penalty notice issued by the local authority. Recent guidance from the attendance team has advised schools that a fixed penalty notice (FPN) should be issued if a child attends school for a morning session, and then is taken out to go on holiday later that day. They have noted that many holidays are equating to 9 missed sessions and have asked schools to be more vigilant around this. As a school, we are committed to working in partnership with families to support excellent attendance and will always offer help where there are challenges, as improving attendance is everyone's responsibility.

Please see the statistics below to help to guide you with what attendance figures mean.

ATTENDANCE	DAYS ABSENT	WEEKS ABSENT	LESSONS MISSED
98%	3.5 days	Less than one week	20 lessons
95%	8.5 days	Less than two weeks	43 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	95 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	145 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	190 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	240 lessons

## Diary Dates

Please see important dates coming up this term

Date/time	Event
26.06.26	Moving Up Morning
02.07.26	Byers Green World Cup – children wear football kits/PE kits
03.07.26	World Cup theme day in classes – children to wear outfits/colours/flags and clothes linked to the country their class is studying
03.07.26	Emotional Regulation Coffee Morning with Elaine Atkinson and Miss Dodds
10.07.26 (15.07.26 as a back-up)	Colour Run
16.07.26	Year 6 Leaver's Show
17.07.26	School closes for the summer holidays

**More dates will be updated in this table as other opportunities arise – please keep checking.**

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

Kind regards,

*C.E.Dodds*

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