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15th March 24

Following the update in February, Mrs Williams will be stepping down after several years of dedicated service. Her departure will certainly be felt by both students and staff alike. Throughout her time here, Mrs. Williams has been an invaluable member of our team. Her commitment to the academic and personal development of her students has been truly commendable. We are immensely grateful for the passion, dedication, and expertise she has brought to her role.

While it is always sad to say goodbye to a colleague, I am pleased to announce that we have recruited a teacher to join our staff. Please join me in welcoming Miss Kenworthy to our school community. Miss Kenworthy comes to us with previous experience of working in upper Key Stage 2 classes, having previously worked in schools in Coventry.

Miss Kenworthy is enthusiastic about starting her journey here at Byfield School. Her passion for teaching and nurturing young minds is evident in both the interview and lessons we observed (which took place during half term at Temple Herdewyke school – so we could meet the timings for experienced teachers to hand in their resignations from previous roles in time). We are confident that she will make a positive impact on our students' learning experiences. We believe her skills and expertise, and her passion for sport, will enrich our school community and contribute to the continued success of our students.

As we bid farewell to Mrs. Williams and welcome Miss Kenworthy, I want to assure you that we are committed to ensuring a smooth transition for both students and staff. Miss Kenworthy has already attended a planning meeting, and will be working with Mrs Williams and Year 5/6 on Monday 25th March. We will work diligently to provide Miss Kenworthy with all the support she needs to settle into her new role effectively.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we navigate through this transition period.

Attendance –attendance for the month of February in each class:-

Oak- 84.3%

Horse Chestnut- 95.2%

Redwood- 100%

Kauri- 94.7%

The national target for attendance in school is 96%; children who attend regularly at school have the best opportunities to connect with their learning and connect with their friends.

Nursery

Our Nursery currently has places for 2 and 3 year olds. We would like to invite parents with children in Nursery to an "Open Afternoon" to come and see what we have been up to in Nursery. Please come along at 2.45pm on Monday 25th March.



At Byfield nursery, we prioritise the safety and happiness of our children. Our nurturing and fully trained staff create a stimulating and educational environment where children can develop, grow and embrace diversity. Come and join us for a fun-filled learning adventure.

PTA

Village Charity Gig - Friday 8th March - 7pm - Village Hall

Join us for a charity gig featuring the Danetre Ukulele Orchestra on Friday 8th March. The PTA will be providing a licensed bar and food refreshments throughout the evening. Please see the attached poster.

Friday 8th March - Mother's Day Pop up Shop - During school

£2.50 per gift, pay in advance on parentpay when it is added.

Let the children select their own gifts during school. They will then hide them away until Mother's Day to complete the surprise!

Tuesday 19th March - Preloved Free Shop - School Hall

If you have any items such as coats/clothes/soft toys/shoes that you are donating to Bags 2 school but they are in good condition then please bring them along the day before (drop off on the morning of Tues 19th)

Everything will be available (from 2.45pm) for parents to have a rummage through and see if there are any items which can be used again for other children.

Also available will be all the spare uniforms the PTA currently have.

You do not need to donate to come along and take items.

Any items left over which cannot be used by another family will be donated into the Bags 2 School the following day – see below.

Wednesday 20th March - Bags 2 School - Front Playground

Having a clear out? Bag up all your items and donate them to Bags 2 School to raise money for the PTA. As well as any items donated into our swap shop, Bags 2 School will also accept linen, curtains, towels, paired shoes, scarves, jewellery, lingerie.

They do not accept duvets, blankets, pillows or school uniform.

All bags need to be in the playground by 9am please.

Thursday 28th March - Kids Spring Disco - School Hall

5.30pm-7pm, £3 per child – please pay via parentpay.

Bring some cash as the tuck shop and toy shop will both be open!

Nursery children are welcome to attend however an adult is required to stay with them during the disco.

Also if your child requires a less busy/quieter experience please contact the school or PTA in advance to arrange for them to attend earlier.

Friday 14th June - Father's Day Pop up Shop - During school

£2.50 per gift, pay in advance on parentpay when it is added.

Let the children select their own gifts during school. They will then hide them away until Father's Day to complete the surprise!

Saturday 29th June - Summer Fete - 12-4pm

All the usual delights - Stalls, Bar, Raffle, Games, Cafe etc. Come along and have an afternoon of fun!

If you are able to volunteer to help at the fete please let us know. No time is too little, whether helping with set up, on one of the stalls or with clearing up. All help would be gratefully received.

Also starting after half term on Friday 7th June we have the return of Ice cream Fridays

Barn Farm Plants, Wardington

Thank you very much to Eliza in year 6 and the Garden Centre at Wardington for their donation of seeds for us. Early Years will be planting these up and growing veg to cook and flowers to enjoy.

If anyone has any surplus seeds, plants, seedlings we would love to make use of them in school.

BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FUNDRAISING

We were planning to raise money for Red Nose Day this year by having a Break the Rules Day. As some of you may know, Buddy, in Year 6, was admitted to Birmingham Children's Hospital last week for a liver transplant. As a school, we felt that instead of raising money for Comic Relief, we could do the break the Rules Day for the hospital charity in support of Buddy.

We recognise that Comic Relief is an important charity who does a lot of work in the UK and in Africa, and it is one that, as a school, we have supported. We have talked about Comic Relief today, to raise awareness. If you would like to donate to Comic Relief, or would like more information about the charity, the website is: [Red Nose Day | Comic Relief](#)

Our Break the Rules Day for Birmingham Children's hospital will be on Thursday 21st March.

Attached you will find a list of "Rules which can be broken". Donation towards this can be made via Parentpay or on the day in buckets which will be on the playground.

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will soon be here! The fair will be open in the hall from 3:15 – 3:45pm on Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd, Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th. World Book Day vouchers can be used to get £1 off the price of a book.

EASTER BONNETS

We will be having our annual Easter Bonnet parade on Thursday 28th March. As usual, there will be Egg Prizes to be won!

Trips

Reminder to Redwood Class parents – trip to Legoland is on Monday 15th April. Please can payment be made via Parentpay. Many thanks to people who have made payment already.

Music lessons – Guitar Friday afternoons Strings Wednesday morning Keyboard Thursday morning

Please ask at the Office if your child is interested in taking up music lessons

PE Nursery Tues morning Oak Tues **Horse Chestnut** Tues/Wed **Redwood** Tues/Fri **Kauri** Wed/Fri

Forest School Oak Wednesdays **Nursery** Tuesdays

Breakfast Club – every day from 8am. This will be held in the Library. **Please note Breakfast Club opens at 8am**

After School Club – every day up to 5.30pm. Please note that on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the After School Club will be in the Hall up to 4.30pm and then in the Library. On Fridays it is Film Night so After School Club will be in Redwood Class, next to the office.

Hotshots Tuesday (before school)

Dates for the Diary

Friday 8th March – Charity Gig in Byfield Village Hall – Daventry Ukulele Orchestra

Friday 15th March – Comic Relief

Tuesday 19th March – PTA Swop Shop in Hall after school

Wednesday 20th March – Bags2School – 9am

Wednesday 20th March – Tuesday 26th March -Scholastic Book Fair at school

Thursday 21st March – Break The Rules Day in aid of Birmingham Children’s Hospital

Monday 25th March – Nursery Open Afternoon 2.45pm

Monday 25th March – Parents evening number 1

Tuesday 26th March – Cake Sale after school – money raised for School Resources

Wednesday 27th March – Parents evening number 2

Thursday 28th March – Easter Bonnets

Thursday 28th March – break up for Easter

Friday 28th March – PTA Disco in hall

Monday 15th April – school open from 8am (Breakfast Club)

Monday 15th April – Redwood Class trip to Legoland – leaving 8.15am

Tempest Photography

An email has been sent round with links to order class photos. Please click on the class you would like to order for and follow the instructions. Link are:-

<https://htmp.st/Byfield24-Oak>

<https://htmp.st/Byfield24-Chestnut>

<https://htmp.st/Byfield24-Redwood>

<https://htmp.st/Byfield24-Kauri>

<https://htmp.st/Byfield24-Acorn>

World Book Day 2024





Byfield School

EASTER CAKE SALE



**Tuesday 26th March
on the front playground**

**Please leave donations of cake
with the school office.**