



# **BYERS GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

## **THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2022**

Dear Parents,

On behalf of everyone at our school, I would like to say a special welcome to all children and parents at the start of this new academic year. Although there is an autumnal feel to the weather and the summer break is now a distant memory, I hope everyone is looking forward to the busy term ahead.

Please note the following points:

### **BOOK CLUB**

Starting tomorrow, Book Club will take place for the children every Friday from 1:00pm. We would like to encourage all the children to save up for a book they have chosen themselves. A suggested amount of 50p per week would allow them to purchase around one book per half term.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER – MONDAY 3 OCTOBER**

The photographer will be in school on the above date. Family groups with pre-school children will be photographed from 8:30am on a 'first come, first served' basis. All other individual and family photographs will be taken during the morning session.

### **HARVEST ASSEMBLY – THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER**

This will start at 9:15am. Parents, family and friends are very welcome to join us for this special occasion.

### **COUNTY DURHAM FOODBANK**

For our harvest collection this year we are again supporting the Spennymoor distribution point of the County Durham Foodbank. We would appreciate donations of in date, non-perishable food items particularly any of the following: milk (UHT or powdered), fruit juice (long life), cereals, tinned meat/fish, tea and coffee. All other tinned/packet food items as well as toiletries will also be gratefully received.

### **CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME – TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER**

Our whole school will be visiting the Gala Theatre to see the annual pantomime on the above date. The price per child is £16.50. This includes the ticket, transport and a drink. Due to the large number of tickets reserved, the theatre asks that we pay for them in advance. We would be grateful if the money could be paid into school as soon as possible. Please contact Mrs Blenkiron if you would like to arrange a payment card – we are happy to receive instalments.

### **PE KIT**

Just to remind you, that at Byers Green Primary School, we have a PE uniform. This consists of plain navy joggers or shorts and a plain white T-shirt. In colder weather, and for outdoor PE, a plain navy sweatshirt can also be worn. PE uniform items are available to purchase from school. We are happy for the children to wear alternative items purchased from elsewhere, but we ask that they are plain navy/white **with no branding**. Please can jewellery be removed and long hair tied up on PE days.

### **NE FIRST CREDIT UNION**

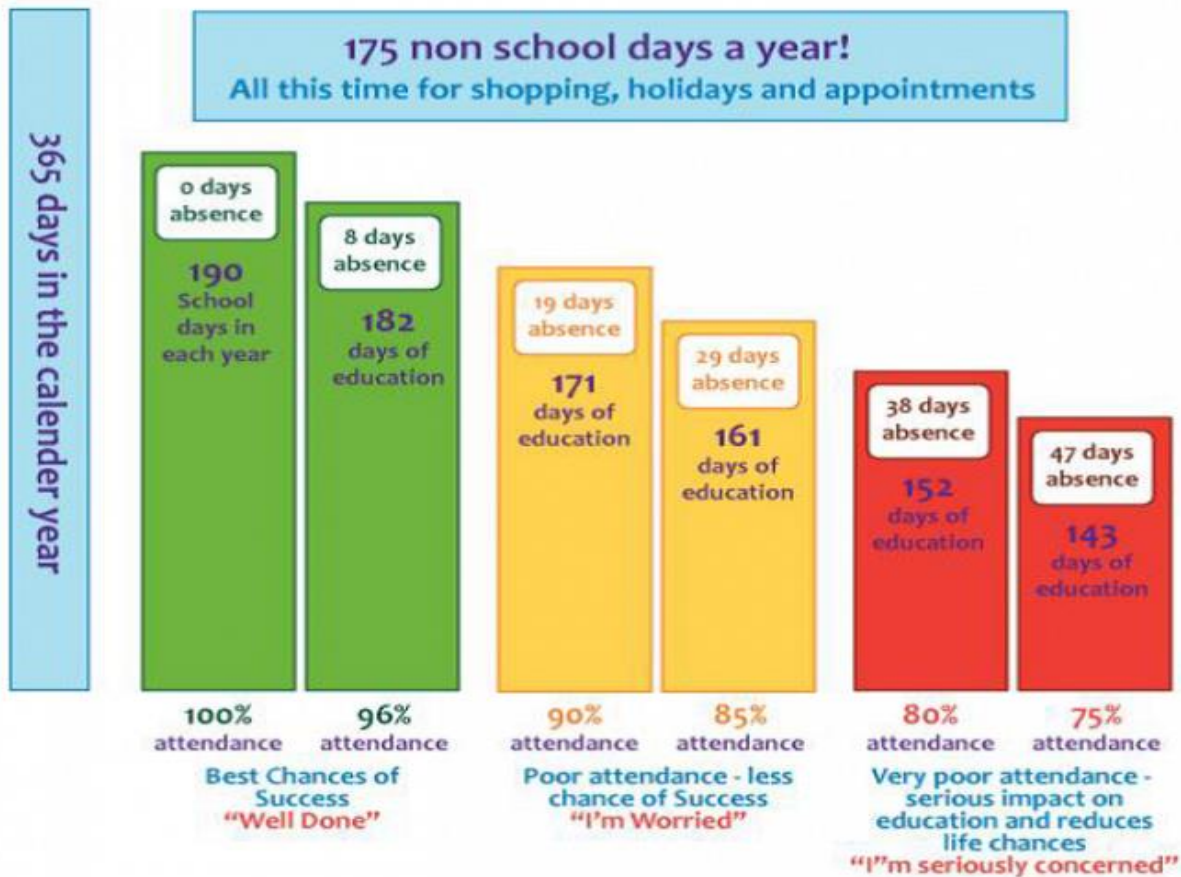
We will continue to take deposits for savings accounts on a Thursday. Anyone wishing to start a savings account for themselves or their children, please speak to Mrs Blenkiron for further information.

### **NUT ALLERGIES**

Please can you ensure that no foods containing nuts are included in packed lunches as we have people in school with nut allergies. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

## ATTENDANCE

Please see the diagram below which emphasises the importance of good school attendance:



I would like to remind everyone that the DfE regulations relating to attendance make it clear that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Local Authority is able to issue penalty notices (fines) to parents who fail to ensure their children's regular attendance at school. A leave of absence form must be completed for all planned absences. If you have any questions about your child's attendance please just ask.

## HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

School will close for the half-term holiday on **Friday 21 October 2022 at 3.15pm**. We return on **Tuesday 1 November 2022**.

Mr W. Kirtley (Headteacher)