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Headteacher

On Tuesday this week, our Dance Club performed at the Derngate Theatre. Everyone involved wishes to send a big thank you to Mrs Manely for all her hard work. The performance at the Derngate is an incredible opportunity - the festival gives so much to the children. I spoke to a couple of parents and governors about what is involved - and as an adult if we had the same chance - how petrifying it would be to perform in-front of 1000 people. However, it was amazing to see how well the children responded. To get there it took months of rehearsals, determination to practice week-in-week-out, to manage 'pre-match' nerves and to step out in front in such a big theatre full of people. However it gave the children such a sense of achievement, pride and confidence - they will carry that forever! We look forward to seeing the performance at the summer fete and more opportunities for the arts next year.

We have preparations underway for our classes for next year. There will continue to be a Reception Class, a Year 1/2 class, a Year 3/4 class and a Year 5/6 class. We have had a really strong field of applications for maternity cover for Miss Bateman from September, and are interviewing next week. Teachers for the classes will be named very soon - however, I am delighted, thrilled and heartened to say that we have not received any resignation letters in the window - we have a really strong team and consistency is really important. We have our transition morning on the 9th July - when there will also be a nursery open morning. From next week, new classes will have a weekly lunch session together on the field (current Reception and Year 1, on a Thursday, Year 2 and 3 on a Tuesday, current 4 and 5 on a Wednesday, with also chance for 5 and 6 to have a Friday session as Year 6s move onto secondary school.) One of the things I love about Byfield is the community-family feeling to the school because of the way children for all ages mix. This will allow them to ensure their existing friendships with future classmates are strengthened, but also forge new friendships with children they haven't worked with for a couple of years - if at all!

Year 1 and 2 have got logins for Times Table rock-stars going home tonight. Please make sure you check your book bags.

Finally, I also would like to share with you a poem written by owl class, who led a assembly about refugees this week to mark Refugee Week. I don't feel I need to say anything about this poem, as it speaks for itself.



Respect our differences,
Equal Chances for happiness,
Friendship can heal broken hearts,
Understand their desperate plight,
Generosity not judgement is what is needed,
Escaping dangerous countries - leaving the ones they love behind,
Events out of their control,
Sharing is not sacrifice; we have enough love for all.

Written by pupils from Owl Class, Byfield School

PTA

The school fete will be on Saturday 20th July 12.00-4.00pm.

Lots going on:-

- School Hall – Grand Opening
- Dancing from all classes
- Space theme – 50th anniversary of first moon landing
- Stalls, cakes, BBQ and licenced bar
- Raffle (tickets to Marvel Universe Live at O2 plus tickets to local attractions)

Owl Class will be running a bookstall – if you have any good quality books (adult or child) please can you bring them to the office.

There will also be a stall for good condition toys and unwanted gifts – if you have any items at home, please bring them to the office.

We are also collecting filled jam jars, which will be used in the tombola. Please could you fill an empty jam jar with small gifts – pens, hair bobbles, toys, sweet treats – anything you fancy! You can drop these off to the office. Thanks.

Parent Pay

From 1st April, any charges for clubs, music lessons or trips will be payable through this system. School Meals have also joined this so all orders and payments for meals will be placed through this system too. If you have any problems logging on or using the account, please speak to Miss Rawden in the office. School Meal bookings need to be place by Tuesday for the following week.

After School Clubs

Monday night Construction Club from 3.15-4.30pm – cost £2

Tuesday night – Art and Crafts (KS1 focus) – cost £2

Wednesday night – Computer Club from 3.15-4.30pm – cost £2

Thursday night – Art and Crafts (KS2) – cost £2

Friday Night – Film Night – 3.15-5.30 pm - cost £3

Children are welcome to stay at After School Club until 5.30pm. Charge for this is £3.80.

Please contact the office if you would like more information or to book.

Breakfast Club – every day from 8am – cost is £3 per session

Dates for the Diary

String music lessons – every Wednesday, Guitar music lessons – every Tuesday, Keyboard/flute lessons – every Thursday

PE – Please bring PE kit in to school every day, PE lessons will be weather dependent.

Celebration Assemblies - Friday

Hotshots – Every Tuesday – 8am

Dance Club – Every Wednesday after school

Kiwi Class – First Access Guitars – every Wednesday

Wednesday 3rd July – Friday 5th July – Owl Class Residential

Friday 12th July – reports due to be issued

Monday 15th July – Sports Day first race 1.30pm (backup date if raining July 22nd)

Wednesday 17th July – Owl Production to parents (afternoon and evening)

Wednesday 17th July – Parents Evening Drop-ins (if you wish to discuss Reports)

Saturday 20th July – school fete 12-4PM **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Wednesday 24th July – Leavers Assembly 1.30pm

Wednesday 24th July – school closes for summer break **End of term picnic**

Term dates for 2019/2020 academic year – please see separate sheet.



“Wanted – Byfield resident who’s also a nursery / primary school parent for consultation on new Byfield Good Neighbour Scheme.

Byfield Good Neighbour Scheme is launching in October, and we need some help getting ready!

The Scheme will safely match local volunteers with time or skills with a neighbour who use a little help now and then – it might be changing a lightbulb, or taking your bins out when its icy, for example.

We’d like to get the whole village involved and would love to canvass your opinion, especially if you are a dad of primary age (or younger) children.

- Would suit someone who would like to get involved more in the community, but may not have a huge amount of time available. A meeting every few weeks between now and October, initially, where you read the documents provided and give your views on how to make them better.

You will not be roped in to lots of time-consuming tasks, we promise!

Email : ByfieldGNS@gmail.com

If you don’t fit the demographic above, we still value your input. We are on a village-wide society consultation exercise currently, and any and all comments are welcome on the above email address, or why not come along to see us at the **School Fete** (July 20th) or **Drop In Information Evening** on 6th September in the new School Hall 7-9pm.



Byfield School
Byfield Nursery
Places available now



Open Morning
9th July 9:30-11:30.
Please come along to a free stay and play session.

 **Open to all children who will be 2 or above from September.**

We are delighted to offer both 15 and 30 hours provision for nursery aged pupils, with spaces still available for September 2019.



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