



# Bearpark Primary School Newsletter



**Friday 8th September**

## *Dates for the diary*

**Thurs 14th September**— DCBC Open Evening for Y6 parents

**Sat 16th September**— Bearpark Village Fayre

## Welcome back!

Welcome back to all children, parents and carers to the start of a new school year! We would like to thank parents and carers for their support in making the change in organisation so smooth and successful. **Please remember that** if you require an earlier start then breakfast club is available from 8.10am for £1.

## New Staff

A warm welcome to Mr Mark Dickinson (Class 4) and Miss Lizzie Jobson (Nursery) our new teachers. We also welcome Miss Heather Marshall our new Apprentice working in Nursery.

## Nursery

**We have spaces available for Nursery** . Please remember to check if you are eligible for 15 hours funding for a two year old or 30 hours funded placement for 3 year olds. If you would like further information then please contact a member of Nursery Staff or ask at the school office.

There has been a slight change to sessions. Morning sessions are 9am-12 midday. Afternoon sessions 12.30pm-3.30pm. Lunch sessions or additional sessions (subject to availability) can be booked but there will be additional charges . Please ask a member of staff for information on your own circumstances.

## Friends of School

Friends of School would like to remind families that the Bearpark Village Fayre is taking place on Saturday 16th September. Children have completed some work on a projects, some of which will be displayed there.

## Nursery & Class 1 —Fundamental Movement Skills

On Tuesday 12th September, children in Nursery and Class 1 are lucky to have the opportunity to participate in special PE sessions to develop their fundamental movement skills. This will be delivered by a member of staff from the Simply Sport organisation and the staff from their class. Please ensure all have suitable clothing in school.

## Simply Sport

The Simply Sport organisation are offering an after school club on Tuesday's for children in Class 1 & 2. Parents will receive a letter to book a place if their child wishes to participate. Places are limited so this will be done on a first come, first served basis!

## Celebrating Success

Celebration Assemblies will be held on a Friday Morning. Class teachers will award 'Star of the Week' certificates for a special recognition of hard work, kindness, manners, effort etc throughout the week. Where possible, Mrs Thompson will contact parents/ carers the day before to invite you to see your child receive their award. We will leave it up to you if you tell them or keep it as a surprise! We will include the names of children achieving the awards in the newsletter.

Children have also been allocated a Team Group; Lumley, Brancepeth and Durham. Children will collect Dojo points for themselves and also for their team in recognition of their hard work and positive attitude around school. We will collect a running total each week as we monitor which team will claim first place over the term. Good luck to all!

## Attendance

In our ongoing efforts to meet and exceed targets for good attendance, we have introduced a class attendance trophy. The overall attendance percentage for each class will be calculated before celebration assembly and a trophy awarded to the class with the highest percentage. Special awards will also be given out to children with 100% attendance over the term.