

Belmont Primary School Newsletter December 22nd 2017



Dear Parents / Carers,

It seems to have been a long time arriving but finally the Christmas break is upon us. What an incredibly busy term it has been and one which has seemed to be a little bit longer



than usual.

Performances

What a fantastic week we had last week with the range of performances across the school. Firstly, the Reception / Key Stage One Nativity was an absolute joy! The children performed magnificently displaying confidence and enthusiasm in equal measure. We also had the pleasure of Year Five and their strings performance where the children were able to demonstrate their progress and skills in their playing of their viola, violin, double bass or cello. Further to this, Year Three shared their Taiko drumming skills, again showing their tremendous abilities, coordination and dexterity. We are absolutely thrilled that the children seize the opportunities offered so enthusiastically and the talents they showcase are really something to be proud of.

Earlier this week, Mr Duffy's choir attended the 'Snappy Christmas' event as Eston. Both he and Mrs Noble have told me how fantastically the children all performed.

Well done to all concerned and we look forward to seeing and hearing more in the new year!

Holiday Dates

We have scheduled in our final PD Day for this year which will be **4th June 2018**. Further to this, we have started to look at dates for the 2018—2019 academic year and, although not yet completely finalised, we would like to inform you that we will continue to proceed with the 'long weekend' in November as this has proved to be popular with many of you. With this in mind, next year we will allocate Friday 23rd November and Monday 26th November as our PD Days. It has also been decided that the first day of term in Autumn will be Monday 3rd September where children will be expected to be in school.

School Lunches

For those who prefer to pay in advance, the cost of school lunches next half term will be £51.25 which reflects a six week half term at a cost of £10.25 per week.

Christmas Lunch

Many thanks to the wonderful kitchen and lunchtime staff who worked so hard to prepare the Christmas lunch for everybody on Wednesday. It was a phenomenal team effort and everybody thoroughly enjoyed it.

Cleaner and Lunchtime Supervisor

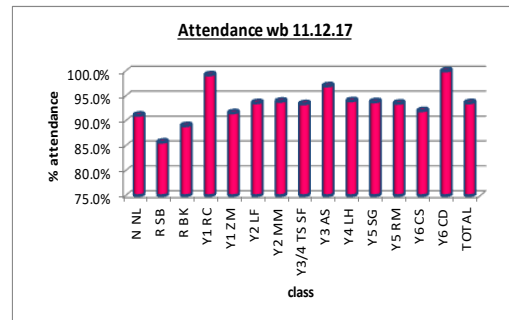
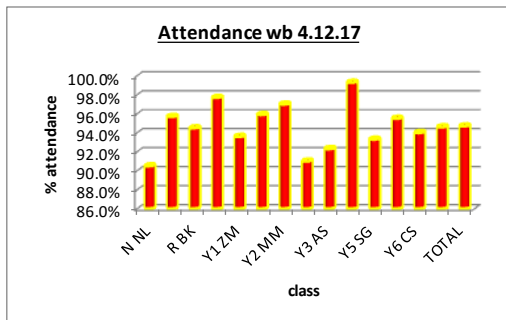
We still have vacancies for these positions. If you are interested, then please contact the office for further information.

Dance Magic

We have been informed that there spaces available in Dance Magic club. If your child is interested, please speak to the office staff.

Attendance

We have given out a lot of certificates to recognise the children who have managed to achieve 100% attendance this term. Over the past two weeks, we have had a 100% in Mr Duffy's Year Six class but we still have the nasty illnesses going around. We hope very much that everybody regains full health in time to enjoy Christmas.



Diary Dates

Monday 8th January: Return to school;

Wednesday 7th February: Discos

Friday February 9th: Break up for half term;

Monday 19th February: Return to school;

Wednesday 21st March: Year Five residential visit to Robinwood;

Friday 23rd March: Year Five return;

Monday 26th March / Wednesday 28th March: Parents' Evenings;

Thursday 29th March: Break up for Easter;

Monday 16th April: Return to school;

Throughout the month of May: Year Two testing;

Monday 7th May: Bank holiday: school closed;

Monday 14th May - Friday 18th May: Year Six SATs Testing Week;

Friday 25th May: Break up for half term;

NEW DATE: Monday 4th June: PD day: school closed to children;

Monday 11th June: Year One Phonics Testing Week;

NEW DATE: W/B Monday 16th July: Transition Week: Y6 to Laurence Jackson, children in Belmont move up into their new classes;

Friday 20th July: End of term;

NEW DATE: Monday 3rd September: Start of new term for children;

NEW DATES: Friday 23rd November / Monday 26th November: PD Days: school closed to children.

All that is left to say is firstly, all the very best to Miss MacSween on her travels and once again, many thanks from all of us for her contribution and commitment to Belmont over the years. Secondly, many thanks to all of you for your valued and continued support which is enormously appreciated. All of us here at Belmont would like to wish you all the most wonderful festive period with your family and friends and, as always, enjoy your time together.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr C Gibson