

Belmont Primary School Newsletter December 8th 2017



Dear Parents / Carers,

It would seem that the cold weather has appeared with us just as we approach the end of term. As I write, the school is gearing up for the Christmas Fair and my room is laden with various cakes all ready for this evening!

Miss MacSween

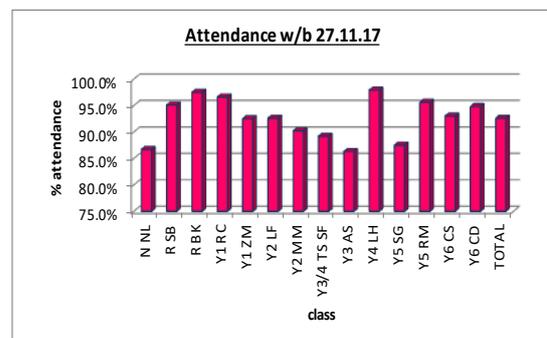
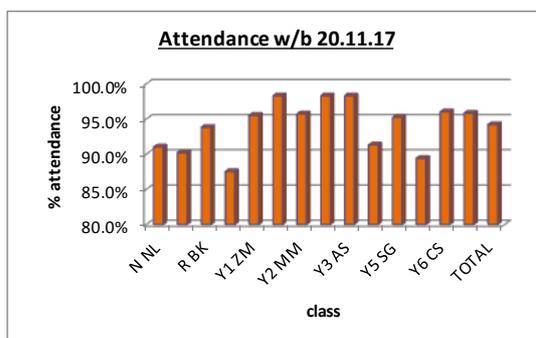
It is with heavy heart that I report that Miss MacSween will be leaving us at the end of this term. She will be embarking on an incredibly exciting 'new chapter' in her life and of course, we all wish her the very best. Miss MacSween joined us as a trainee way back in September 2013, becoming an employed member of the teaching staff in September 2014. During this time, she has been an invaluable asset to the school and her energy, enthusiasm, empathy and skills have benefited the school community enormously. I have no doubt that many of you will wish to offer your best wishes to her personally but certainly on behalf of all here at Belmont, we wish her all the very best and are enormously grateful for all she has given us over the years. Joining us after Christmas will be Miss Sheridan. Miss Sheridan is known to the school and has worked here as a supply teacher on a number of occasions. She will be in again before the break to become more familiar with the children to ensure a smooth transition.

Singing At St Nicholas' Church

Many thanks to our tremendous choir and staff who attended the singing in the church earlier this week. I am reliably informed that, as always, they all performed magnificently and many parents, friends and family have been to see me to pass on their congratulations on the performance. Many thanks to all who were involved.

Attendance

There have been no full attendances for the past couple of weeks which is not really a surprise given the number of illnesses which appear to be in circulation at the moment.



Health and Safety

It has been noted that some people are walking through the car park by the Key Stage Two building to get through to the playground or Mr Harper's classroom. Could we please ask that this can be avoided and to go around the back of the school via the paths so as to avoid any potential accidents around the car park.

Further to this, could we please remind you that children should not be on the school site before 8.30am unless they are attending the Breakfast Club. This is because we do not have supervision on the playground until that time. Many thanks.

Diary Dates

Friday 8th December: Christmas Fair;
Thursday 14th December: Y5 Strings performance (11am) in school;
Thursday 14th December: Nativity performance (Reception parents invited to attend);
Friday 15th December: Year 3 AS Taiko Drumming performance 2.40pm;
Friday 15th December: Key Stage One / Two reports to go out;
Tuesday 19th December: Music Club attending the 'Snappy Christmas' event, Eston;
Wednesday 20th December: Christmas lunch;
Thursday 21st December: EYFS to 'The Arc' in Stockton;
Friday 22nd December: End of term;
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;
Monday 11th June: Year One Phonics Testing Week.

We hope that those of you attending the fair tonight thoroughly enjoy yourselves and that everybody has a pleasant weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr C Gibson

