

Belmont Primary School Newsletter February 10th 2017



Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of the first half term of 2017 and it seems to have flown by! I had hoped to emphasise the excitement of the warmer weather and lighter evenings, however, looking out of the window, that might have to go on hold just for the moment!

Homework Club

I have been asked by Mrs Biles and Mrs Jones, two of our wonderful teaching assistants, to advise you that there are spaces which have become available in Homework Club. This is a fabulous opportunity for your child to complete their homework within school with the support of staff who help facilitate the club. Further, it can, in our experience, help alleviate some pressures felt at home as a result of homework tasks. The club runs every Tuesday from 3.15 until 3.45. If you would like your child to join, then please collect a letter from the office and return as soon as possible. Places are strictly limited and we feel it is a terrific opportunity to complete homework as well as have a drink and biscuit!

Reading Breakfast

A letter has been distributed about the reading breakfasts which will be held on 1st and 2nd March. This is the first time we will have held such an event and all staff are really excited about the opportunities it may present us all. We are really hopeful that you are able to join us in the activities which are already being planned but places are limited. Please return the proforma attached to the letter to secure your place.

World Book Day

We have arranged our Reading Breakfast to coincide with World Book Day on the 2nd March. On this day, children are encouraged to attend school dressed as a book character of their choice! We do hope that everybody will take this opportunity to really challenge their creativity!

Sport For Schools

Yesterday this initiative was introduced to the children by Miss Binns and Mrs Hughes. We are really excited about James Denny coming to visit us to inspire the children and also support us in raising funds for PE within school. For those of you wanting to know a bit more about James, this link will tell you most of the things you need to know! After reading the articles, it may raise some questions you wish to ask! <http://www.swimming.org/diving/james-denny>

Family Engagement Sessions

It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents, friends and other family members join Reception and Nursery to help build their houses. It is wonderful for us as a school but also the children to be able to welcome you in to join in with the learning opportunities provided. We very much hope that you enjoyed the sessions and we appreciate the time you gave to do so. There were some truly tremendous creations!

Parking

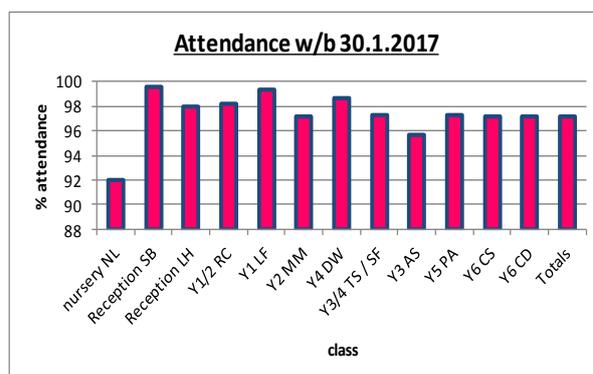
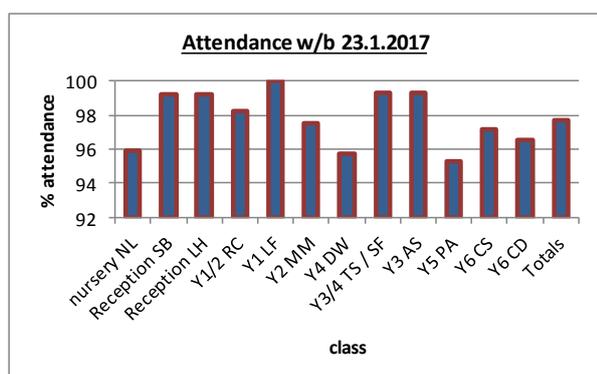
There seems to have been an increase in cars parking in the lay-by outside school and I have been approached by a number of concerned parents and carers about the safety of our children being potentially jeopardised by this. We are aware that, like so many schools, there is limited parking by the school site but we also feel that the safety of our children is paramount. Parking in the lay-by does, as you will be aware, create a number of safety issues given that people cross the road in this area. Please do consider our children when dropping off and picking up. Many thanks.

Crossing Patrol on Belmangate

I have been advised that there will be no crossing patrol on Belmangate on the first day back after half term, Monday 20th February. If your child crosses here, please remind them of this and try to make arrangements for their safe crossing.

Attendance

The prize bag has been used! Miss Fysh's Year One class achieved full attendance two weeks ago so very well done to them! Looking at the registers so far this week, it would appear that there are no classes' in the running' but hopefully the new half term will see the back of any nasty bugs and I fully expect a multitude of classes with maximum attendance!



Diary Dates

We will continue to update the list below for your information:

Monday 20th February: Return to school (no school crossing on Belmangate);

Friday 24th February: 'Sport For Schools' event;

Monday 27th February: PD Day: Children not in school;

Wednesday 1st March / Thursday 2nd March: Reading Breakfasts: please refer to separate information letter;

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day: children to dress up as a book character of their choosing;

Wednesday 22nd March: Year Five residential visit to Robinwood;

Friday 24th March: Year Five return;

Monday 27th March: KS1 and KS2 reports to go home;

Monday 3rd April / Wednesday 5th April: Parents' Evenings;

Friday April 7th: Break up for Easter;

Monday 24th April: Return to school;

Throughout the month of May: Key Stage One (Year 2) testing month;

Monday 1st May: Bank holiday: school closed;

Monday 8th May - Friday 12th May: Year Six SATs Testing Week;

Friday 26th May: Break up for half term;

Monday 5th June: Return to school

Monday 12th June: Year One Phonics Testing Week;

Thursday 6th July: Sports Day

We wish you all a pleasant and safe weekend and half term.

Yours Sincerely,

Chris Gibson