



Belmont Primary School Newsletter May 5th 2017



Dear Parents,

At the risk of tempting fate, it might appear that the springtime is gradually moving towards the summer! It make such a difference to enjoy the sunshine and dry weather, allowing the children to play on the field and enjoy the wonderful space which we have here at school. Long may this continue!

Staffing

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Wells who has decided to retire. Mr Wells has, as a great many of you will know, been a highly regarded member of the school staff for a great many years and his contributions to the school in all capacities cannot be overstated. Obviously it is always disappointing to lose a valued member of staff but I am sure you will join me in offering both gratitude for all he has given the school and best wishes in his retirement. Also at the end of the term, Mrs Hughes will be leaving to commence her maternity leave. Obviously this is wonderfully exciting and we obviously wish her all the very best too. New appointments have been made and we shall update you with these in due course.

Easter Egg Raffle

Many thanks to FoB for organising this and to all who donated prizes. For your information, £240 was raised.

School Visits

Last week, Years Three and Four took a trip to Ryedale Folk Museum. I understand it was a thoroughly enjoyable visit which provided a great number of practical learning opportunities. Next week, Reception will be visiting Kirkleatham Owl Centre where they will no doubt have a terrific experience.

Attendance

No lovely graphs this week, I'm afraid! Our data management system is being upgraded and therefore I am unable to compile the reports electronically!

Payments to School

We would like to remind you that, with immediate effect, the school is no longer able to accept the old five pound notes.

Key Stage Two Tests

Next Monday 8th May, Year Six will be taking their end of Key Stage Two tests, or SATs. We wish them all well in this and know that they will do their very best as they have done throughout the year. The tests will be each morning from Monday - Thursday. Remember to have a good sleep and breakfast!

Term dates 2017 2018

TERM	START DATE	END DATE	HALF TERM	PD DAYS
AUTUMN	1st September*	22nd December	23rd - 27th October	*1st September, 24th and 27th November
SPRING	8th January	29th March	12th - 16th February	TBC
SUMMER	16th April	23rd July	28th May - 1st June	TBC

General Election: 8th June

As advised in a previous letter, the school will be closed on this day for use as a polling station. It is our view that the Nursery space will be insufficient for what is expected to be a large turnout therefore, to ensure safeguarding of all children, it is deemed appropriate that the school does not operate on this day. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. Do consider using 'Kiddiewinks' wraparound care on this day if childcare is causing problems.

Diary Dates

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

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

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

Friday 26th May: Break up for half term;

Monday 12th June: Year One Phonics Testing Week;

Friday 30th June: PD Day: school closed to pupils

Monday 3rd July: Commencement of three week transition: children to move up to their new classes for the remainder of the term.

We hope that the fine weather continues through the weekend to allow you and your families to spend some wonderful time together.

Yours Sincerely,

Chris Gibson