

Belmont Primary School Newsletter November 10th 2017



Dear Parents / Carers,

It continues to be a real hive of activity here at Belmont with a great deal of activities and visits taking place.

Nursery and Year Five and Six Visits

Last Friday, both Nursery classes went to visit Tesco to find out all about the food which we buy. I know that they had a wonderful time and really enjoyed their trip. Upper Key Stage Two have also been out this week, visiting the Sita plant to discover how energy can be harnessed from our waste, supporting their knowledge and understanding of the world around us.

Children In Need

Next Friday 17th November is Children In Need day. As always, we would like to invite the children into school in 'non uniform' for the price of one pound. Obviously, all money raised will go towards this worthwhile cause.

Football

Last weekend, our girls football team came second in the tournament they took part in. They have now qualified for the district finals, so a massive well done to all concerned. They certainly looked the part too, in their new kit!

Our Year Five and Six boys had a friendly game this week against Chaloner which resulted in a 2-2 draw. Again, well done to all.

Lunches

If there is a time whereupon your child wishes to change from school lunch to packed lunch, this is absolutely no problem at all. If this is the case, could we please ask that you inform the office, either in writing or telephone call, to allow us to update our records. Many thanks.

Remembrance Day

Many thanks to all who have bought poppies this week and to the children who have taken the time to go around the school selling them. Further to this, on Wednesday I was accompanied by Anna Simpson and Jess Tebble to Guisborough Cemetery where, along with two other schools from the town, placed memorials on the war graves.

Mr Gowland's class have been making poppies which they took down to Guisborough Priory yesterday as a part of a large display. If you would like to view this, it is available to see on Saturday 11th November from 10am until 12 noon.

On Sunday, myself and two children will be laying a wreath as part of Guisborough's remembrance parade.

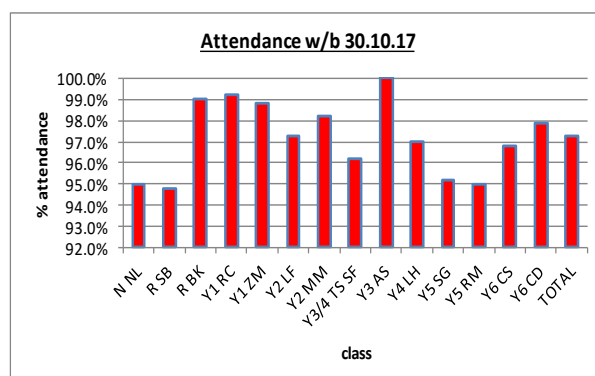
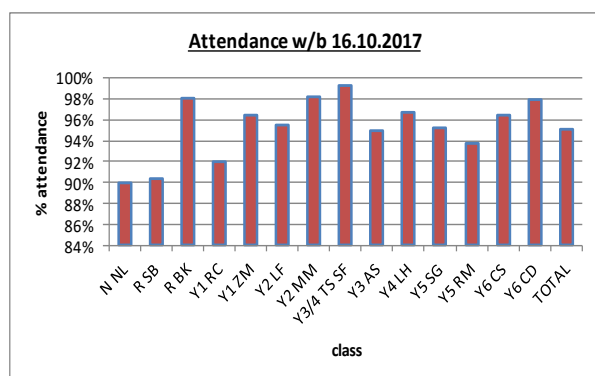


Parent Questionnaire

Many thanks to all who completed this. The abridged version will be going out to you all but the complete document is available to view on the website. The comments and responses were very positive and encouraging but, as always, if you feel there is the need for us to address any issues then do not hesitate to contact us. We will look into how we better inform people of events etc through some better form of electronic media, something many people commented on. The marking codes which were requested are also now on the website under 'policies' in the 'About Us' section. We are also redeveloping how homework is set whereupon it can be completed over a longer period of time, allowing either weekdays or weekend to be used. We do take note of your comments and make adjustments where appropriate to ensure that we meet the needs of as many of you as possible.

Attendance

Well done to Miss Schumm's class for managing 100% attendance last week!



Diary Dates

Tuesday 14th November: Odd Socks day;
Friday 17th November: Non Uniform Day for Children in Need;
Friday 24th November: PD Day: school closed;
Monday 27th November: PD day: school closed;
Friday 8th December: Christmas Fair;
Thursday 14th December: Nativity performance (Reception parents invited to attend);
Friday 15th December: Key Stage One / Two reports to go out;
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.**

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mr C Gibson