

Belmont Primary School Newsletter October 20th 2017



Dear Parents / Carers,

The first half term seems to have passed us by rather quickly! I am really pleased with how the children have all responded to the first part of the school year in their new classes.

There is some terrific work being carried out and just looking at the Writer of the Week board outside the office with its array of subjects included will bear testimony to this. If you have never seen the board then please do come and have a look, especially if your child's work is up for a particular week. It is fabulous having so many visitors pass such positive comments on it.

Harvest Festival

The response we received in relation to the harvest gifts provided by you all was nothing short of totally overwhelming and certainly unprecedented in my experiences both in this school and others I have worked in. I mentioned during the children's wonderful Harvest Festival performance, I continue to feel enormously privileged to be Headteacher of a school with such a magnificently supportive community, by which I include children, staff, parents, family members and governors. On behalf of the school and, of course, the Bridge Project, I would like to thank you all enormously for your thought and generosity.

Further to this, once again the children from Reception and Key Stage One truly performed tremendously and, as always, I am proud of each of them for the confidence and enthusiasm they showed.



Parents' Evenings

It was terrific being

able to speak with so many of you during the two Parents' Evenings. From our discussions and the questionnaires which have been completed, it would seem that there is a great deal of positivity in terms of how your children are progressing, the teaching they are receiving and how your child feels about the school. Many thanks for all of your feedback.

AS ALWAYS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME IF EVER YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS. WE ALWAYS ENDEAVOUR TO ADDRESS ANY WORRIES YOU MIGHT HAVE AS IT IS VITAL THAT WE DO ALL WE CAN TO ENSURE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ARE HAPPY WITH THE PROVISION WITHIN SCHOOL.

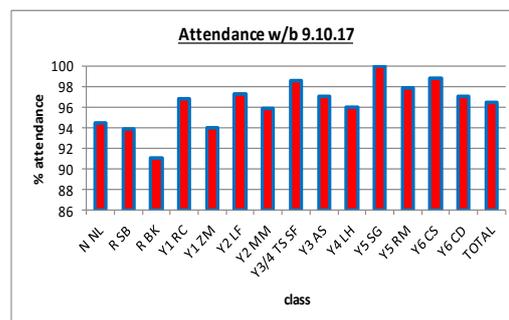
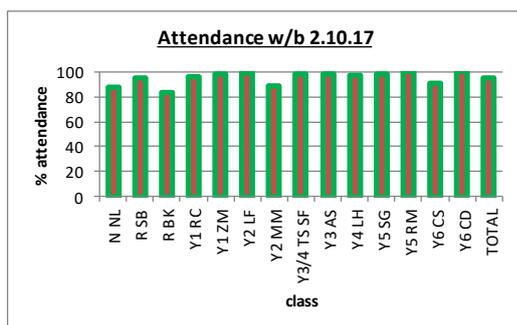
Parking

Many thanks for all your support in trying to park away from the school to help ensure the safety of our children. I did receive an email earlier this week, however, which I would like to share for your information:

I would be grateful if you could please remind parents parking in the cul-de-sac in Berkley Drive to not park on the grassed areas, to park on the pavements and also to obstruct driveways. The grassed areas are not for parking on and we do not want them to look like muddy quagmires through people taking or collecting children to and from the school, who do not live in the immediate area. The pavements are starting to crumble through persistent parking on them, albeit for 15 minutes on a morning and also in the afternoon; even parking a mere foot either side of the driveway is still obstructing views if anyone requires their cars on or off their driveways. I have asked the school in the past to inform parents of this, and I know that you can only ask, but please reiterate these points again. I have no objection to parents parking to collect/take children to school but for them to kindly respect the area as we, as residents, live here. Thank you

Attendance

We have had some full attendances over the past couple of weeks in Year 5 and Year 6. This is no mean feat given the nasty bugs travelling around! Well done to Mr Duffy's, Mr Gowland's and Miss Moscrop's classes!



From the Sporting Arena....

Congratulations to all Year Five and Year Six children who took part in the rugby tournament last week and the team who made it through to the following round which took place earlier this week. As always, the children played fabulously well and competed with tenacity but also excellent sportsmanship. Well done also to the Year Four children who took part in the festival at Prior Pursglove yesterday.

Love in a Box

Just a reminder that the 'Love in a Box' donations need to be in school by 15th November. Many thanks to all who are choosing to participate in this fantastic charitable cause.

School Lunch Money

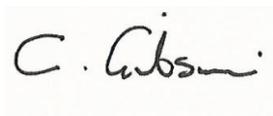
The next half term is eight weeks long but we do have two PD Days during this time. The cost of lunches for the entire half term is therefore £77.90.

Diary Dates

Monday 30th October: Return to school;
Wednesday 1st November: Discos
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;

Once again, many thanks for your continued support throughout this half term. All of us here would like to wish you all a wonderful weekend and restful, enjoyable week off school.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr C Gibson