

Belmont Primary School Newsletter September 22nd 2017



Dear Parents,

We are now well into the swing of the new year with extra curricular activities now up and running and the children fully immersed in their learning!

School Games Award

We are delighted to say that the school has achieved the highest standard within the School games Awards. We have been accredited with a gold awarded where we previously held bronze. This is a wonderful achievement which reflects all the hard work of the children and adults within the school community who have engaged with all of the activities we have on offer here at Belmont. I would also like to thank, in particular, the work of Mrs Hughes and Miss Binns for assembling the information which was submitted in the application which was most comprehensive. Well done one and all!

Parent Meetings

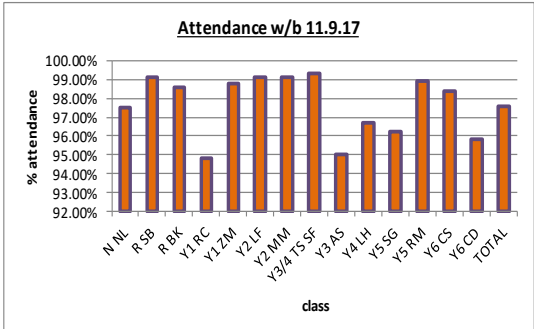
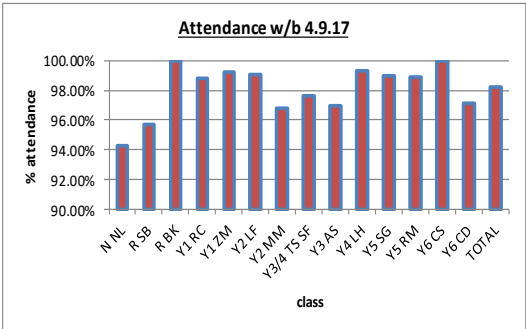
Many thanks to all who were able to attend the meetings held last week. We do feel that they are a helpful way of sharing expectations across the school and hope that the letters sent out with timetables have been helpful too. Please do remember that if you have any concerns about the information shared, please do not hesitate to contact either your child’s class teacher or myself. We would be happy to share and discuss any concerns you have, however trivial you feel they might be.

Freeflow Information

We are really excited about a new initiative we are engaging in which will develop communication between the school and home. It is called, as the heading might suggest, ‘Freeflow Information’ which is an electronic platform being adopted by a number of local schools which will allow the children to share some of their achievements with you at home. The staff are receiving training on this at present and we are hoping that we will be ‘live’ by half term. We will, of course, keep you posted as we progress.

Attendance

The first week back saw two classes with 100% attendance, so well done to Miss Keatley’s class and Miss Sunderland’s class! Of course, nobody expects children to attend school if they are unwell but we still continue to celebrate good attendance.



Diary Dates

The list below is quite extensive but we are trying to give as much notice as possible in relation to events throughout the year. Of course, more will materialise as time goes by but we do realise that many of you may need to organise time from work to attend some of the events below:

Thursday 12th October: Harvest Festival (KS1 parents invited to attend);
Monday 16th October / Wednesday 18th October: Parents' Evening;
Friday 20th October 3.10pm: Break up for half term;
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;

I hope that the weather allows you all to have a most pleasant weekend and thank you all for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Chris Gibson

