

Belmont Primary School Newsletter January 19th 2018



Dear Parents / Carers,

This is the first newsletter since we returned from the Christmas break. I very much hope that you managed to have some quality time with family and friends.

Wintry Weather!

I hope that you have all managed to enjoy the brief spell of snow which we have had yesterday. The children certainly managed to have some fun yesterday. I have no doubt that we have not seen the last of the cold weather just yet! With this in mind, now is perhaps a good time to ask if you could check to ensure that your children are equipped for the colder weather with boots, hats, scarves and gloves. It is also an enormous help if these items are named because there are occasions where things can be misplaced and having the owners' name attached does help us reunite clothing and owner!

FreeFlow Info

Many thanks to those who have provided details for the FFI programme and I know many of you are already accessing the platform and have shared in some of your children's work and achievements. We really do hope that this will provide a really good insight into what the children do during their time in school and will help prevent those moments where, when asked, they are unable to remember quite what they have done that day! We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday at the meeting.

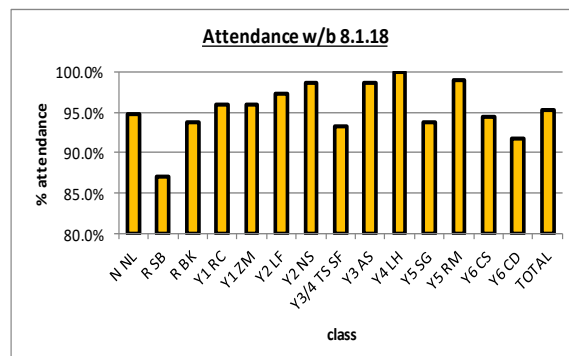
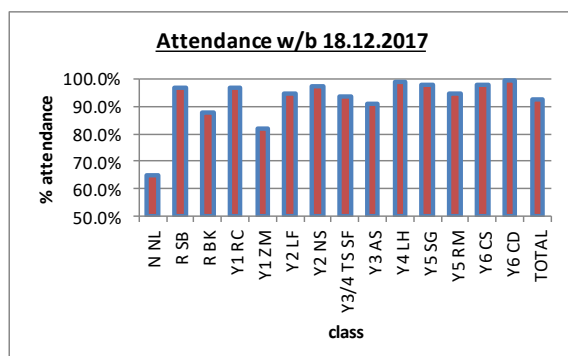
2018 - 2019 Dates

Below is a list of the term dates for 2018/2019. An additional PD Day is yet to be allocated but hopefully this should provide a fairly clear overview of the year:

	AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
BEGIN	MONDAY 3 RD SEPTEMBER 2018	MONDAY 7 TH JANUARY 2019	TUESDAY 23 RD APRIL 2019
END	FRIDAY 21 ST DECEMBER 2018	FRIDAY 5 TH APRIL 2019	FRIDAY 19 TH JULY 2019
HALF TERM	29 TH OCTOBER – 2 ND NOVEMBER (BREAK UP FRI- DAY 26 TH OCTOBER)	18 TH FEBRUARY – 22 ND FEBRUARY (BREAK UP FRI- DAY 15 TH FEBRU- ARY)	27 TH MAY – 31 ST MAY (BREAK UP FRIDAY 24 TH MAY)
ADDITIONAL DATES	PD DAYS: FRI- DAY 23 RD NOVEMBER / MONDAY 26 TH NOVEMBER		

Attendance

What a start to the year for Mr Harper's class, achieving 100% attendance in the first week! What a tremendous achievement this is! Hopefully we will soon be seeing the last of the illnesses which were so prevalent just before Christmas and see if we can build attendance back up again.



Diary Dates

Monday 8th January: Return to school;

Monday 22nd January: Y6 visit: Durham University Oriental Museum;

Wednesday 24th January: Y5 visit: Durham University Oriental Museum;

Wednesday 24th January: Freeflow Info Meeting (5.30pm)

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;

NEW DATE: Monday 4th June: PD day: school closed to children;

Monday 11th June: Year One Phonics Testing Week;

NEW DATE: W/B Monday 16th July: Transition Week: Y6 to Laurence Jackson, children in Belmont move up into their new classes;

Friday 20th July: End of term;

NEW DATE: Monday 3rd September: Start of new term for children;

NEW DATES: Friday 23rd November / Monday 26th November: PD Days: school closed to children.

I do hope that the weather picks up and allows you all to have a lovely weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr C Gibson