

Belmont Primary School Newsletter November 30th 2018



Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you all managed to have a pleasant long weekend, gearing up towards the various activities in store as we move towards the Christmas period.

PD Days 2019 - 2020

I am aware that for the 'long weekend' in November, it is helpful to have as much notice as possible. With this in mind, next year's dates will be **Friday 22nd November and Monday 25th November**. The remaining dates will be arranged in due course. Our final PD Day for this academic year has been set for **Friday 15th February 2019**.

School Trips

Throughout the year, we organise various school visits to help support and enrich the curriculum. As a school, we are aware that the cost of these visits can appear to be high on some occasions and the majority of school visits are, in fact, subsidised to some extent by the school. In order for such visits to operate, we are reliant on the 'voluntary donations' to be made to ensure that they are financially sustainable. Unfortunately, recently this has not always been the case and due to a number of 'donations' not being made, the school has made significant financial losses on these enrichment activities. We are obviously aware that there may be times whereupon families can find it challenging to make some payments and we would ask that, if this is the case, you could let us know in order that we might be able to support. Ultimately, if the cost of the visits are not met by the contributions, there may come a time where we will not be able to offer these experiences. We hope this will not be the case.

Christmas Events

As many of you will be aware, there are numerous events taking place this year. As such, there has been the need to amend the date of one of the planned events. The KS2 carol service at St Nicholas' Church, originally planned for Tuesday 18th December has now had to be rescheduled for Thursday 20th December, again in the afternoon. Apologies for the inconvenience caused.

Homework Club

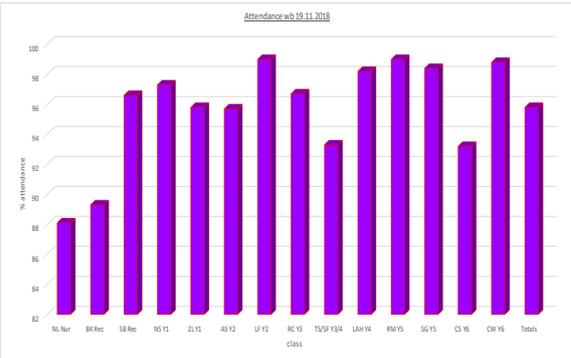
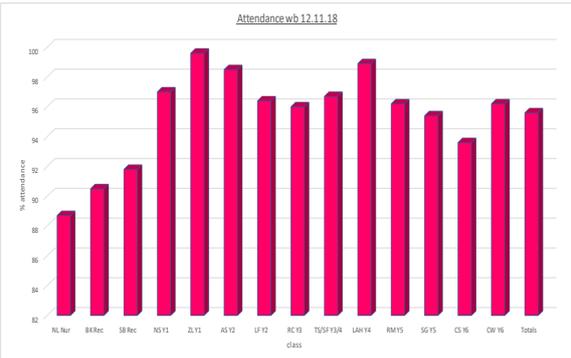
The Homework Club operates on a Tuesday after school for children in Key Stage Two and it offers a wonderful opportunity for children to complete their homework with Mrs Biles and Mrs Jones, accompanied by a drink and a biscuit! Unfortunately, numbers for the club are dwindling to the point whereupon we may not be able to run it after Christmas which would be a real shame. If you are interested in your child joining, please let the office know as soon as possible in order that we can decide upon its future viability.

Football Club

Due to the weather and reduced daylight hours, both boys' and girls' football clubs will cease to run with immediate effect until after the February half term unless further notice is given.

Attendance

There have been no '100% classes' in the past couple of weeks and it is 'that time of the year' when the various illnesses are around!



Diary Dates

We will continue to add to these (and of course delete as appropriate!) through the year:

Tuesday 4th December: Choir to sing in St Nicholas' Church, 5pm. Information given to those involved;

Thursday 13th December: Nativity performance;

Tuesday 18th December: 'Snappy Christmas' Event (details already provided for those involved);

Wednesday 19th December: Christmas Lunch;

Thursday 20th December: EYFS visit to The Arc;

Thursday 20th December: Carol Service KS2 at St Nicholas' Church 1.45pm;

Friday 21st December: End of term; termly reports out to parents;

Monday 7th January: Return to school;

NEW DATE: Thursday 14TH February: Children end half term;

NEW DATE: Friday 15th February: PD Day: School closed to children;

Monday 25th February: Return to school;

Wednesday 20th March: Y5 to Robinwood;

Friday 22nd March: Y5 return to school (approx. 6pm);

Monday March 25th: Spring Assembly (Y/4);

Wednesday 27th March: Mothers' Day Assembly;

Thursday 28th March: Spring Assembly (Y3/4);

Friday 29th March: Termly reports sent out;

Monday 1st April / Wednesday 3rd April: Parents' Evenings;

Friday 5th April: End of term;

Tuesday 23rd April: Return to school;

May (throughout the month): Year Two end of Key Stage One testing;

Monday 13th May: Year Six End of Key Stage Two Tests (SATS) ALL WEEK;

Friday May 24th: End of the half term;

Monday 3rd June: Return to school;

Monday June 10th: Year One Phonics Screening (all week);

Wednesday 12th June: Key Stage One Fathers' Day Event;

Thursday 20th June: Sports day;

Friday 5th July: End of year reports given out;

Monday 8th July / Wednesday 10th July: Parents' Evenings;

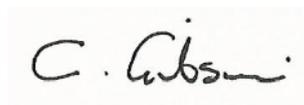
Monday 15th July: Transition Week;

Friday 19th July: School closes for Summer;

NEW DATES: Friday 22nd November and Monday 25th November: PD Days: School closed to children.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr C Gibson