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Dear Parents / Carers,

Another busy week this week which included our Key Stage Two children attending the Remembrance Service at St Nicholas' Church.

#### Questionnaire

Many thanks to all who completed the questionnaire at the end of last half term. There was a total of 147 responses (which compares with 172 last year). There were one or two more common themes which are mentioned in the 'comments' section which you can see in the attached 'abridged' version. The whole document can be found on the website but at 42 pages long, you may just want the one which is attached! However, if you do fancy wading through the whole document, it can be found here: <https://belmont-primary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Parent-survey-results-2023-3.pdf>

#### Remembrance

As mentioned above, our Key Stage Two children attended the Remembrance Service at St Nicholas' Church on Tuesday this week. As always, their conduct was exemplary, displaying the respect we have come to expect from Belmont pupils. Another one of those 'proud headteacher moments' (of which there are many).

#### 'Love in a Box'

Many thanks for the phenomenal response to the 'Love in a Box' appeal. They were collected yesterday and on behalf of 'Children in Distress', thank you very much for your incredibly kind contributions.

#### 2024 2025 Calendar

I did get one or two groans when I shared this with staff given that we are still in 2023 (!!!) but I know many of you appreciate as much notice as possible in relation to term dates. I have included them as an attachment with all PD days allocated for the year commencing September 2024. I am sure that, like me, you will notice the relatively late Easter in 2025....

#### Children in Need

Once again, apologies for the late notice I gave for this (which I take full responsibility for!). Many thanks to all who participated in the non-uniform day, donating to the charity and we will keep you informed as to how much was raised.

#### Mini Shoppers

You will have received updated information about the forthcoming 'Mini Shoppers' event. If you are able to donate any of the items requested then that would be terrific!

#### Breakfast Club / School Lunches

As often mentioned, please could you check your ParentPay account to ensure that all payments are up to date. Our Breakfast Club is currently running at a loss and for us, this is not sustainable. If payments are made, we can almost keep costs balanced but, if they are not made we will have to review the provision which we are able to offer. We do not, at this point, wish to increase charges quite simply as it is our intention to keep costs to both yourselves and the school to a minimum.

What's Going On!?

I know I included these dates last week but, if you are anything like me, extra reminders are always handy!

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| 30 <sup>th</sup> November                     | Reception 'Rise and Read',<br>8.30am   | 13 <sup>th</sup> December | Choir Festival St Nicholas'<br>Church (info sent already)                         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup><br>December | School closed (PD Days)  | 14 <sup>th</sup> December | Reception Nativity  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> December                     | Nursery Craft Day. Info to come.   | 18 <sup>th</sup> December | School Christmas 'singalong'<br>EY and KS1 (5pm)                                  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December                     | KS2 Christmas Service St<br>Nicholas' Church, 1.30pm   | 19 <sup>th</sup> December | School Christmas 'singalong'<br>KS2 (5pm)   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> December                     | Christmas Lunch (CHILDREN<br>ENCOURAGED TO WEAR<br>THEIR 'CHRISTMAS JUMPERS<br>ON THIS DAY IF THEY WISH!!) | 22 <sup>nd</sup> December | Reindeer Run (in aid of<br>Teesside Hospice;<br>Reports given out;<br>End of term |

And Finally...

I hope you have a pleasant weekend and manage to dodge the promised showers!

Yours Sincerely

*C. Gibson*

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