

# Begbrook News

## ***Our school... A place for everyone***

Welcome back to the start of a new school year! We have lots of exciting plans for the year ahead and we are looking forward to seeing the children grow and develop in their learning.

The start of term has been busy, as always. Our Reception children are settling into school life incredibly well and have been on a tour of the school to help them really get to know their surroundings. In Y1 this week, the children took part in a Gruffalo hunt, finding clues hidden around the school and learning more about the characters in the story. Y2 children have been reading a book called 'The egg' and there have been some strange happenings around the school! In Y3, the classes have started reading Leon and the Place Between and are looking forward to a circus skills workshop which is taking place next week. Children in Y4 have started reading the BFG as part of their whole class reading. Our Y5 and Y6 classes are reading a book called "You are awesome", which is all about having a growth mind set and working hard towards a goal. It really has been a very positive, exciting start to school.

We have three school rules, which we are talking to the children about: Be Safe, Show Respect and Be Kind. Our assemblies so far have focused on these rules by looking at how we can demonstrate that being kind, respectful and safe is just what we do at Begbrook. Our display in the hall has some wonderful ideas suggested by the children. We are also going to be learning more about the different groups that make up our school community (e.g. kitchen staff, office team, parents, SMSAs, teachers, PTFA, Academy Councillors, CLF central team, pupils and many more) and finding out what they all do to help ensure our school is successful. All of this is to show that our school really is a place for everyone.

So for now we would like to thank you all for an enthusiastic start to the school year. We are always looking for ways to improve our school so if you want to offer your suggestions, please contact a member of the Principal Team (we can be found on the gates in the morning and after school), email us or come along to a Parent Forum (starting soon).

## ***Uniform***

Our compulsory school uniform policy came into effect at the beginning of September. We are really impressed with how smart the children look in their uniform! Children not in school uniform will be sent a reminder letter.

### **Logo badges:**

Due to high demand in the first week back, we are currently out of stock of the Begbrook logo badges. We have just ordered another 1000 badges and they should be arriving very soon. A text will be sent to let you know when these become available. You will then be able to purchase them from the school office for £1 per badge.

### **Jumper buckets:**

To help ensure that uniform items are not lost, we have provided a 'Jumper bucket' for each classroom. When children take off jumpers and cardigans, they will be asked to put them in there. These will be emptied daily. You can help by making sure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

### **Main uniform items:**

In summary, the main items of clothing for uniform are:



Navy blue jumper/  
cardigan with logo



Grey/black trousers,  
dress, skirt, shorts



White/pale blue  
polo shirt



Predominantly black  
footwear

For more information, please refer to the uniform policy, which can be found on our school website.

## PTFA

We are pleased to announce that we raised over £2,000 at the circus evening, which is a fantastic total. Well done everyone and thanks to all who supported the event - I think it's safe to say everyone had a fabulous evening!

It was great to see so many new faces at our first event of the year. Welcome to all new Begbrook parents! If you are interested in helping out at any PTFA events please get in touch as we'd love to hear from you. As we all know, these events just wouldn't be possible without your support and help; we appreciate everything you do to help. There are always jobs to be done and believe us when we say we can never have too much help, so if you've been thinking about getting in touch please do.

We'd also like to officially welcome Lisa Mills and Rachel Cox as our new committee members - it's great to have you on the team.

Finally, a couple of dates for the diary:

- 3rd October 2018 - Open meeting, 7.30pm in the staff room all welcome.
- Bedtime stories will be back date to be confirmed.
- Winter Fayre - date to be confirmed soon.
- Christmas shop - Friday 14th December



Further events to be posted in due course, join our Facebook group for the latest information.

The PTFA ([ptfa.begbrook@bpa.cabot.ac.uk](mailto:ptfa.begbrook@bpa.cabot.ac.uk))

## Attendance - One Big Thing

At Begbrook, we understand the importance of attendance. Children need to be in school every day that they possibly can be. When they are here, we can support them with their learning.

So, we ask one really big thing of you – help us to support your child by bringing them to school. Please avoid booking term time holidays and ensure they arrive at school promptly so they are ready to learn.

Our attendance target for this year is 96.5%. Well done to the following three classes who have topped our attendance league and smashed our target already!

1FE 99%                      4CW 98.1%                      6ES 98%

If you need any support to ensure your child is in school, please speak to our Family Support Worker, Zoe Sutton.



Diary  
Dates



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y3 Circus Skills Workshop	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y6 residential camp week
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	'Futures' trip to We The Curious	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Reception end of term celebration
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Harvest Celebrations	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents' Evening 3:30 – 7pm
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Start of Black History Month	Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents' Evening 3:30 – 6pm
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	PTFA Open Meeting	Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET day

### Term Dates 2018/19

- Term 1: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018
- Term 2: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2018
- Term 3: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019
- Term 4: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Apr 2019
- Term 5: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019
- Term 6: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

### Inset Days 2018/19

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

# Begbrook Photo Board



Happy's Circus!



PTFA refreshments before the circus...



Circus skills in action!



A wonderful atmosphere...



KS2 Gem Certificates - the first of the year!



Y1 - Y3 Gem Certificate winners - the first of the year!



Gem certificate winners - wk 2!



Our new library furniture - with all our new books!



Y3 drama activity based on Leon and the place between



Oh help! Oh no! It's a Y1 Gruffalo hunt!



Gem certificate winners - wk 2!



There's no such thing as a Gruffalo... or is there?