

Newsletter 04  
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# Begbrook News

## Thinking of others

We have been really pleased to see how many of our children and staff joined in with raising money to support Children in Need. Last week, we were lucky enough to have a very special guest, Pudsey Bear, visiting all of the classrooms. He was certainly made to feel very welcome. Today, we have swapped our uniform for a 'spotacular' theme – thank you for the effort made; everyone looked fantastic.

Next week, we will be having our own 'Anti-bullying week' in school. Our assemblies will focus around the values of respect and tolerance, linked to growing our Ruby Power. Children will also complete activities in class to build on their thinking.

There are many exciting events happening during this term – make sure you look closely at the dates so you don't miss out on the fun!

Principal Team

## PTFA Corner

We are pleased to announce that the children will soon be able to enjoy a brand new piece of playground equipment thanks to everyone's hard work and support with Begfest. A new 17m trim trail has now been ordered, incorporating a climbing wall, swinging ropes, and tight-rope walk amongst other things. It's due to be installed near the year 3 classrooms, we hope, within the next few weeks. So a big thank you to everyone for making BegFest so special and enabling us to make start on developing the outside space at Begbrook.

With WinterFest now on the agenda, we need to ask once again for your help. We hope you have been picking up the various Facebook posts about raffle prize donations, present wrapping, soup making etc. and seen the details regarding the performances. School also sent out a handy link in their last letter so if you can help on the day, please use the link and sign up. We will work around the performances as before. Santa's grotto will also be back, and you will be able to book your time slots from next week onwards. We will send some updates about when to find us in the playground taking bookings.

Following feedback, we have made the decision to hold the Winter Fayre on a Thursday evening instead of on a Saturday. This allows us to collaborate with the school and incorporate the Christmas performances, which is very exciting. Of course, all the usual things you'd expect to see will be available like: delicious food, refreshments, games, the raffle, crafts and some wonderful gift stalls. So please come along, watch the performances and enjoy the atmosphere. Another successful event will mean that we can build on our momentum and start the next stage of the playground development.

If you want to contact us about anything to do with WinterFest, the Christmas shop or Bedtime stories (all in this weeks' letter), please do contact us, either on Facebook or email us at [ptfa.begbrook@bpa.cabot.ac.uk](mailto:ptfa.begbrook@bpa.cabot.ac.uk)

Many thanks as ever.

PTFA



## Attendance - One Big Thing

We have a new method in which parents/carers can report their child absent. Two separate forms can be found on the Begbrook website at the bottom of the 'Contact Us' page (<http://www.begbrookacademy.org.uk/contact-us/>)

The '**Reporting my child absent**' should be used only for the **FIRST day** of sickness absence. Please ring the school as normal for any additional days of absence in the same instance.

For any **holiday requests** or extended absences NOT relating to sickness, please complete the '**Reporting a holiday or extended absence**' form. These requests are considered on a case-by-case basis and an email response will be sent as soon as possible detailing whether the absence will be authorised or not. Please see our school attendance policy for further information on authorised/unauthorised absences.

This week, our Attendance Hero (Here, Everyday, Ready to learn, On time) classes are:

<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>
2JI: 100%	6KW: 99.6%	5NL: 99.5%

If you have any questions regarding reporting your child absence, please email [info@bpa.cabot.ac.uk](mailto:info@bpa.cabot.ac.uk) for further information.

## Staffing news

We are delighted to be able to tell you that Mrs Emma Skade had a baby girl at the end of October. We can also share that Mrs Liz Mason has also had a baby girl at the start of November. We are sure you would like to join us in sending them our very best wishes and congratulations.

As you may be aware, Mr Nick Latham is currently recovering at home with a broken ankle. We would like to wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back with us just before Christmas.



Diary  
Dates



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTFA bedtime stories	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Dinner
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS Winter Performance 9:30am	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	WINTERFEST
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS Winter Performance 2:15pm	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PTFA Christmas Shop	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Christmas Dinner
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 and KS2 Mad Science Assembly	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Autumn School Reports sent home

### Term Dates 2018/19

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 7<sup>th</sup> January  
 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

# Begbrook Photo Board



Craze of the week -  
junk modelling creations!



Well done to our Gem Certificate  
winners - great effort!



Pearl Power being celebrated!



A certificate for indoor skydiving!  
Very impressive!



Children and staff at ASC still  
in Pudsey outfits...



Our Senior Site Manager dressed  
up as Pudsey and carried on as usual!



Congratulations to our Gem  
Certificate winners!



Craze of the Week - Den Building!



Pudsey Bear came to visit!



We made him feel very welcome!



Reception children on a trip  
to Snuff Mills



Clearly enjoying the outside  
environment