

Begbrook News

Thinking of others

Over the past couple of weeks, our teaching staff have been looking at ways to support the teaching of vocabulary across the school. You may have noticed 'word of the week/day' posters, dictionary corners, topic vocabulary on display etc. in some of the classes. We are encouraging children to develop a curiosity about words and their meaning. When you are reading at home with your children, you may like to support this by:

- Finding new or unfamiliar words in the text
- Defining the word (what does it mean?)
- Exploring synonyms (words that mean the same thing)
- Discussing antonyms (words that mean the opposite thing)

You may like to create a word bank or mini dictionary to have at home. If this is something that you choose to do, we would love to see some examples to share in assembly.

We have also set classes a challenge to see which class has the most sapphire and amethyst power, meaning that they are always ready and supporting each other to learn. This week, our top performing year group was Year 2 for completing fluency boards, explaining their reasoning to a partner and checking each other's work – congratulations!

Mr Munro, Mrs Hine and Mrs Shaw

PTFA Corner

Last night, we held one of our most popular events of the school year – Bedtime Stories! Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all came back to school at 4:45pm, dressed in pyjamas, ready to listen to some favourite stories read by the wonderful teachers. We were thrilled that some of the teachers decided to wear their own pyjamas too! The children sat listening to stories, drinking hot chocolate and munching on biscuits. What a perfect cosy, winter activity!



Over the next few weeks, we have some very exciting events taking place. On Friday 7th December, we are hosting our Christmas shop throughout the school day. Winterfest is happening the following week on Thursday 13th December – please come along and watch your children perform songs, enjoy the food and drink, and make the most of the many stalls and activities that will be there.

If you want to contact us about anything to do with WinterFest or the Christmas shop, please do contact us, either on Facebook or email us at ptfa.begbrook@bpa.cabot.ac.uk

Many thanks as ever, PTFA

School dinner menu change

Please note that we have made the decision to permanently change the option of 'Brunch' to the popular 'All Day Breakfast' (Monday option on the week one cycle). Thank you.

Uniform Reminder

We have a compulsory school uniform policy. There remains an element of choice for the style of trousers, shorts, skirts or dresses as well as whether to wear light blue or white polo shirts. However, we expect all children to be wearing navy blue jumpers or cardigans with the school logo. If you have any questions about this, please speak to the Principal Team.

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.

The best attending class for Term 1 was 4HM with 98.2%!

Who will it be for this term?

If you have any questions regarding reporting your child absence, please email info@bpa.cabot.ac.uk for further information.

Spanish Club

Spanish Club for Key Stage 1 and Reception is back!

Starting soon on Tuesdays after school with lots of songs, games and fun activities to help your child enjoy a new language.

Please contact Clare Chislett on 07869 132155 or clarechislett@yahoo.co.uk to book your place or for more information.

Wet Play DVDs

Do you have any spare DVDs with a 'U' rating that you would be prepared to donate to school? If so, the children would love to have them so that they can watch a variety of films during occasions when we have to call 'wet play'. Please bring into the office or give to your child's teacher. Thank you.



Diary
Dates



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
Tues 4 th Dec	EYFS Winter Performance 9:30am	Wed 12 th Dec	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Dinner
Thurs 6 th Dec	EYFS Winter Performance 2:15pm	Thurs 13 th Dec	WINTERFEST
Thurs 6 th Dec	Parent Forum 6pm	Fri 14 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 7 th Dec	Y5 Harry Potter Day	Wed 19 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Dinner
Fri 7 th Dec	PTFA Christmas Shop	Wed 19 th Dec	Autumn School Reports sent home
Tues 11 th Dec	KS1 and KS2 Mad Science Assembly		

Term Dates 2018/19

Term 2: Monday 5th Nov – Friday 21st Dec 2018
 Term 3: Monday 7th Jan – Friday 15th Feb 2019
 Term 4: Monday 25th Feb – Friday 5th Apr 2019
 Term 5: Tuesday 23rd Apr – Friday 24th May 2019
 Term 6: Monday 3rd June – Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Inset Days 2018/19

Monday 7th January
 Friday 5th April
 Friday 5th July

Begbrook Photo Board



Peggy used her Grit power to practice her subtraction!



Children in Reception enjoying their first Forest School session



Akira has been using her grit power to develop her artistic skills at home



Harley and Zain performed a rap in celebration assembly - well done.



Cadell showed us his black belt for Taekwondo - amazing achievement!



Congratulations to our KS2 gem Certificate winners



Three swimming certificates - well done Ethan!



Congratulations to our KS1 Gem Certificate winners



Y5 went to watch Mary Poppins at Bristol Met...



Y5 in the audience, waiting for the show to start...



Having fun in the Playhouse building electrical circuits!



Nursery making the most of the rain by water painting the shelter!