

Begbrook News

At the start of term, our school underwent an internal review as part of the support we get from the Cabot Learning Federation and we now have some headlines to share with you:

Things that are going well:

- Attitudes to learning across the school are very positive
- High expectations of presentation are evident in all books
- A new behaviour policy is being introduced incrementally to ensure all staff and children understand
- Attendance and persistent absence is improving
- Introduction of 'Be safe; Show respect' expectations as well as the Safe House during unstructured times have made these times safe and have had a positive impact on afternoon learning
- The new Principal Team have made a very positive start. The changes they have already made have been strategic, deliberate and against a clear rationale. As a result staff morale is high and they are embracing the change
- Pupil Premium strategy is thorough and well-researched but at an early stage

Recommendations:

- Find efficient ways to manage, supervise and organise the provision of the outside space, in order to improve behaviour and opportunities at unstructured times.

We found this process very helpful. We have already started to investigate ways to improve provision at lunchtime and we will be keeping you updated with this over the coming weeks.

Mr Munro

Children in Need - SPOTACULAR

Children and staff looked fantastic today! We SPOTTED so many SPOTS throughout the school. And why were we all covered in spots? In order to support fundraising for Children in Need. Thank you very much for your kind donations – as a school, we have raised a grand total of £.....



Winter Fayre - Saturday 25th November

The Winter Fayre is fast approaching and we are looking forward to seeing lots of you there.

On Friday 24th November, the children can come to school in non-school uniform if they bring a prize donation for the tombola. Prizes may include: bottles, jars, biscuits, chocolates etc. Donations will be collected under the canopy in the main playground.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Attendance

Congratulations to 5NL and 2AG – they have achieved 100% attendance for six days in a row and will now be having an attendance party!

Our overall attendance as a school is at 96.8%, which is above the national average. Currently, Year 3 have the best attendance at 97.5%.

Play House

As part of our way of improving lunchtime provision, we are looking to set up a Play House. This will offer an indoor play space for children to come to during their lunchtime.

If you have any items that you would like to donate to the Play House, please send them in. We are particularly interested in: Lego, puzzles, board games, small action figures, card games, construction sets or colouring books.

Gem Powers

This week, the children were introduced to two more Gem Powers. They are EMERALD and RUBY power.

- EMERALD power is the ability to manage your emotions and have bouncebackability
- RUBY power is using kind words and valuing and respecting others

All of the children have been working really hard to earn gems for their class. We now have a total of four gems to collect: Diamond, Sapphire, Emerald and Ruby. Children are being rewarded for their efforts in our weekly celebration assembly so we look forward to hearing lots of positive stories each week.

Parking

This morning, we had two Community Police Officers patrolling the streets outside the school. They share the concerns that many of us have regarding the inappropriate parking of a few parents. This is yet another reminder that we want to work together to ensure the safety of all our children. This includes not parking on the double yellow lines or the zigzags outside the school. Thank you for your support.

Parent Forum Update

At our last parent forum, it was requested that homework was to be made available on the school website. This is now in place. Homework will be updated on a weekly basis starting next week.

We are also keen to provide much of our communication via email. We are currently exploring how to collate email addresses most effectively. We will then be asking you to sign up if you wish to receive communication in this way.



Diary Dates



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
Sat 25 th Nov	PTFA Winter Fayre	Fri 8 th Dec	PTFA Christmas Shop
Tues 5 th Dec	EYFS Christmas Nativity 9:30am	Mon 11 th Dec	Upper KS2 Christmas Concert 2pm
Wed 6 th Dec	YR, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Dinner	Tues 12 th Dec	Upper KS2 Christmas Concert 9:15am
Wed 6 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance 2:30pm	Wed 13 th Dec	Lower KS2 Christmas Concert 9:15am
Thurs 7 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance 9:30am	Wed 13 th Dec	Y3-Y6 Christmas Dinner
Thurs 7 th Dec	EYFS Christmas Nativity 9:30pm	Thurs 14 th Dec	Lower KS2 Christmas Concert 2:45pm
Thurs 7 th Dec	KS1 Bedtime Story Telling 4:45-5:45pm	Fri 15 th Dec	Hobgoblin Theatre Company

Term Dates 2017/2018

Term 2: Tuesday 31 Oct - Friday 15 Dec 2017
 Term 3: Wednesday 3 Jan - Friday 9 Feb 2018
 Term 4: Monday 19 Feb - Friday 23 March 2018
 Term 5: Tuesday 10 April - Friday 25 May 2018
 Term 6: Monday 4 June - Tuesday 24 July 2018

Inset Days 2017/2018

Tuesday 2nd January 2018
 Monday 9th April 2018
 Friday 6th July 2018