

Begbrook News

The Christmas countdown started early this year with our fantastic Winter Fayre taking place last weekend. In school, children are in the middle of Christmas Performance rehearsals – the hall has been filled with enthusiastic singing, excellent story-telling and confident acting! We look forward to welcoming you to our performances over the next couple of weeks.

Our staff are continuing to develop a Behaviour for Learning Policy. The most recent professional training that we have undertaken has been on emotion coaching and this will form part of our overall Behaviour for Learning Policy. We hope to be able to share this with you in greater detail during term three.

You will have also been made aware that our school email has changed. It has been moved to the same email system as the rest of the Cabot Learning Federation as well as the same email that is accessed by our staff. This will allow our system to be managed more securely and will also help us to share documents within the organisation more easily. Our new email is: info@bpa.cabot.ac.uk

Mr Munro

Trips

Last week, a group of year five children went on an Arctic Extravaganza workshop day at UWE. Whilst they were there, they learnt about the impact of global warming on the Arctic Circle, they discovered how many food miles were in a chocolate cornflake cake and took part in a hip-hop dance session. It was a great day and the children represented the school brilliantly.

This week, our year three children went on a trip to the Roman Baths as part of their topic work. Whilst they were there, they made mosaics and went on a tour of the Baths. It is great that we have taken advantage of a World Heritage Site which is right on our doorstep and we are pleased that the children enjoyed this experience.

Winter Fayre

Last weekend, we held our Winter Fayre. The hall was filled with a variety of stalls, there was a bouncy castle in the Expressive Arts room, food being sold in classrooms and on the playground and of course there was Santa's Grotto too!
In total, the PTFA raised approximately £1700!

We would like to thank everyone who attended. We would particularly like to say a massive thank you to our wonderful PTFA for all the hard work and effort that was put into organising such a successful event. We are extremely grateful for all that you do for our school.

Attendance

Being in school all day, every day is important. If your child is not in school, they are not learning. If you need to book medical appointments, please consider doing this outside of the school day to limit missed learning opportunities.

We now have a 'Fit for School' leaflet available at the school office for ideas on how to support attendance.

Play House

We will be opening a dedicated space for indoor play at lunch time from term three. We have already received a small number of donations – thank you.

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

As part of our work on improving learning behaviours, children have been focusing on their Ruby Power – thinking of others. We have launched a Ruby Advent Calendar which has challenges for the children to complete every day. Some examples are:

- Invite a child to join in your game
- Open doors for people
- Say please and thank you at dinner time

You could create your own Ruby Advent Calendar at home:

- Set the table
- Make a drink for someone else
- Call a relative you haven't seen for a while

Let us know if you do so we can celebrate in school!

Parking

You may have seen us standing outside the school gates attempting to redirect traffic to safer drop-off places.

Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

We will soon be promoting the 'Park and Stride' which will be based from the Community Centre. This is a 4 minute walk from school and, if used, will reduce traffic and improve safety around the school.

Staffing news

Congratulations to Mrs Laura Horner who has recently had a baby girl named Edith Nina Horner. We would like to send on our best wishes to her and her family.

We would also like to welcome Miss Roxy Badman to our staff team. She will be teaching in lots of classes across the school.

Finally, Mrs Petra Knikkink will be leaving us at the end of term. We wish her family well with their exciting move to Singapore and would like to thank her for all she has done for the school.



Diary Dates



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
Tues 5 th Dec	EYFS Christmas Nativity 9:30am	Tues 12 th Dec	Y5 and Y6 Christmas Performance 9:15am
Wed 6 th Dec	YR, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Dinner	Wed 13 th Dec	Y3 and Y4 Christmas Performance 9:15am
Wed 6 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance 2:30pm	Wed 13 th Dec	Y3 – Y6 Christmas Dinner
Thurs 7 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance 9:30am	Thurs 14 th Dec	Y3 and Y4 Christmas Performance 2:45pm
Thurs 7 th Dec	EYFS Christmas Performance 2:30pm	Fri 15 th Dec	Hobgoblin Theatre Company
Thurs 7 th Dec	PTFA Bedtime Stories EYFS and KS1 4:45 – 5:45pm	Fri 15 th Dec	NSPCC Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation
Fri 8 th Dec	PTFA Christmas Shop	Tues 2 nd Jan	INSET day
Mon 11 th Dec	Y5 and Y6 Christmas Performance 2:00pm	Fri 5 th Jan	Parent Forum – Behaviour 9:15 – 10:15am

Inset Days 2017/2018

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

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