

Begbrook News

“Time flies when you’re having fun!”

This is the saying that springs to mind as we write the final newsletter of the term and it seems like the perfect moment to reflect on the many things we have achieved so far this school year:

Our new Study Station has opened and is allowing us to deliver targeted support for children across the school; we have had lots of successful PTFA events; we have introduced Gem Powers as a reward system; our CLF Review day was extremely positive; we have tackled start of day procedures and learning now starts promptly; our two playground rules (Be safe; show respect) are going some way to making it safer and happier at lunch time; our Y6 children had a fantastic time on camp; our new Reception children have settled extremely well and finally, our children have performed brilliantly in their Christmas Concerts. It has certainly been a busy couple of terms!

Next term we are pleased to be introducing a range of after school clubs which will be run by members of staff. We have a total of 16 clubs available. This is something that has never been done before at Begbrook! We would like to thank our staff in advance for providing these extra opportunities for the children. We hope they enjoy them.

We are so grateful for all the support you have shown this year. All the staff are very proud of the children at Begbrook Primary Academy and their achievements so far this year. We would now like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr Munro, Mrs Hine and Mrs Shaw

Sports Corner

Athletics: On 30th November, we took part in an athletics tournament at City Academy. Boys and girls were both involved with 9 schools taking part. There were lots of events: javelin, long jump, speed bounce, vertical jump, two by one relay and many more. We highly enjoyed our time and would love to go again. After all of our hard work, we finished 3rd!

Sienna O, Lucia and Nevaeh (Y6)

Basketball: On 8th December we took part in a basketball tournament. We played 4 games and we won 3 out of 4. We felt excited but nervous when we found out we had won in our group and would play in the semi-finals. Unfortunately, we lost the semi-finals but we tried our hardest and played well as a team. We came 3rd in the end!

Momen and Hugo (Y5)

Football: The first CLF Football League match took place on 8th December at May Park Primary. A squad of ten were selected and did a fantastic job! They worked brilliantly as a team and were a real credit to the school. We beat May Park 4 - 1, putting us top of the league on goal difference. We are looking forward to more fixtures in the new year.

Mr Barratt and Mr Latham

Choir at St George Carol Concert

On Wednesday, our amazing choir sang at St George's, for the Bristol School's Christmas concert. The concert was hosted by children's presenter Naomi Wilkinson and the children performed a selection of Christmas songs, including 'A Spaceman Came Travelling' and 'I Saw Three Ships'. Our choir have worked hard in a short space of time to become show ready - we are very proud of them. Thanks again to the PTFA who supported us and all of the parents who came to watch.

Mrs Clark

Attendance

Congratulations to 1ES who for 100% attendance for 6 days. Enjoy your Attendance Party!

School dinners

For your information, there are 28 school days in term 3. Each school dinner is £2.25 which means it will cost £63 for one meal each day.

Season's Greetings from the Begbrook PTFA

Phew! What a first term for the new PTFA committee. The committee really want to thank all the teachers, staff and past PTFA members for helping us out, answering all our questions and getting us up and running. We have had a busy and very productive time over the last few months and the Treasurer has provided a summary below of what activities the PTFA has been involved in:

Fishfest – the committee ran the drinks stall at this September event and made just over £100 profit.

The not just cake sale – due to all the amazing donations the “not just cake” sale made an amazing £277

Movie night – this fun event for the kids made £384

The International Food Fayre – Organised by Clare Chislett and other volunteers the profits of this event (£524) were split 50/50 with a local refugee charity Aid Box Community

Salsa Night – this adult only event was super fun and we raised £125 from those attending!

Winter Fayre – WOW! We really hope all of you who attended enjoyed this event as much as we did. There was so much to do and see from games run by Year 6, to crafting and of course seeing the big man himself in Santa's Grotto. We made a whopping £1707 profit! It takes a lot of work to organise this event; thanks so much to all of you who volunteered your time to help run stalls - the outcome was really worth it!!

Christmas Cards – Your kid's fabulous creations raised £332 – thanks for supporting and to Marie Mooney for doing this single handed for us!

Christmas Shop – last Friday's event raised £714 profit for the PTFA. Thanks again to the volunteers who helped throughout the day – apparently the children were all very well behaved and really enjoyed themselves.

So what have we done with all this money raised? Here is a round-up of what the PTFA have funded in addition to the above events. We expect more requests from the school and teachers over the coming months.

Year 5 Space Trip contribution towards travel	£100
Christmas Gifts to all children	£589 (to be distributed on the last day of term)
Crackers for Christmas Lunches	£107
Year 4 Circus skills contribution towards travel	£100
Choir to St Georges contribution towards travel	£100

We think the above shows what an amazing community Begbrook has and we hope to continue this success into next year. We are always needing help, formally on the committee or just helping out at events, so please get in contact with us. Please approach any of us in the playground or drop us a message on our new email PTFA.Begbrook@bpa.cabot.ac.uk Also, if you don't already, please follow us on Facebook and twitter as we communicate a lot of our events on there.

Maddy, Avicia, Becky, Sarah and Charlie



Diary
Dates



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
Fri 15 th Dec	Hobgoblin Theatre Company	Fri 5 th Jan	Parent Forum – Behaviour 9:15 – 10:15am
Fri 15 th Dec	NSPCC Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation	Thurs 1 st Mar	World Book Day
Tues 2 nd Jan	INSET day	Fri 2 nd Mar	Y6 Life skills trip
Thurs 4 th Jan	Extra-curricular clubs launch	Wed 14 th Mar	Whole school class photo day

Term Dates 2017/2018

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