

# Begbrook News

## Attendance Matters

**Punctuality** - Last week, 102 pupils were late to school. On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>, our Education Welfare Officer conducted the third 'Late Gate' of the year in order to tackle persistent lateness.

Due to the level of persistent lateness and impact this has on learning, it has been recommended that the school bring in further penalty notice fines for persistent late comers, even if this is before the register has closed at 9.30am.

As you can understand, as a school this is not a decision that we will take lightly, but may be necessary if punctuality does not improve. Please help us by ensuring that your children are in class and ready to learn by 8.50am every morning. If your child will be late due to a medical appointment or exceptional circumstances, please contact the school as early as possible.

**Holidays during term time** - including bank holidays and inset days, there are **13 weeks** in a school year that Begbrook is closed to pupils; this is when holidays and trips away should be taken. We appreciate that sometimes exceptional circumstances arise and time off school is needed. Please ensure that you are following school procedure and emailing **all** absence requests, including the reason for the absence, to info@bpa.cabot.ac.uk for consideration. Each request is dealt with on a case by case basis. Absences where this procedure is not followed will automatically be unauthorised and a penalty notice may be issued as per Bristol City Council's guidance.

Research shows there is a strong correlation between high attendance and high attainment. If your child has:

- 95% attendance it means they miss approximately 48 lessons over the year;
- 90% attendance it means they miss approximately 95 lessons over the year;
- 85% attendance it means they miss approximately 143 lessons over the year;
- 85% for 5 years is the equivalent of missing one school year!

You can help your child achieve their full potential by making sure they are in on time and every day. Thank you for your continued support.

*Mr Munro, Mrs Hine and Mrs Shaw*

**Have you  
been an  
Attendance  
HERO?**

**Here  
Everyday  
Ready  
On time**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>100%</b> 3DL 4LJ
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>98.7%</b> 6CB
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>98%</b> 5CW 2FE

A massive well done to 3DL and 4LJ on recording **100%** attendance!

We now have a display in the corridor – will your class be the next Attendance HERO?

## Y6 London Trip

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, Year Six went on a trip to London. The children arrived at school at 7:15am and then had a 3 hour coach journey to London. The first stop was at The Natural History Museum. Here, the children explored the museum in small groups, and were amazed by the size of the dinosaurs on display and the range of stuffed animals on show. After a quick lunch on the grass, the children boarded the coach and set off for the Lyceum Theatre to watch a performance of The Lion King. The children and staff were blown away by the incredible performance – the singing was inspirational, the costumes were outstanding – and the children are even more excited about putting on their own performance of The Lion King next week!

Throughout the entire trip, the children's behaviour was excellent. It was a very long day but they were happy and positive right up until they returned to school at 9pm! We are very proud of how well they represented the school. To have the opportunity to go to London is a fantastic experience that we hope they will treasure for a long time to come. This, of course, wouldn't have been possible without the support of Begbrook Staff so we would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped to organise and support this trip.

## Parent Forum Summary

In the last Parent Forum we discussed Homework. The discussion focused around what the purpose of homework was and appropriate quantity and regularity for the age of pupils concerned. Taking on board the feedback provided through the online form, as well as the discussion at the forum, we will:

- Review our current homework guidance with a view to changing the term 'Homework' to 'Learning to learn at home'
- Feedback and research shows that learning at home has the biggest impact when it is focused on practising a skill that is already known – this is what we aim to move towards within our new guidance
- Communicate changes and expectations in time for the start of the next Academic Year

Due to the success of Parent Forum, we will be continuing with these meetings next year. We would like to thank you all for your engagement, feedback and participation in helping to improve our school.

### Transition

Over the next few weeks, children and teachers will be involved in transition work to support with the moving of classes and year groups. The timetable for this is as follows:

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – children will be told who their new teacher and classmates will be. They will spend some time together during the afternoon.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** – parents invited to see new classroom and informally meet new teacher.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – time spent as new class in the morning of both these days.

**Start of September** – meeting after school for parents to formally meet Year Group Leader and teaching team as well as find out important information about new year group and classes.

### Growing Grit Power

We love to share news of what children do outside of school...

Two of our children, Annie and Ava, attend Stapleton School of Dancing (who run classes after school at Begbrook Primary Academy). Both girls auditioned in Bath on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May for a space on the Junior Associate programme with The Royal Ballet School.

Thousands of children audition every year and only a small number of students are selected onto the programme. Both Annie and Ava are very keen dancers and although they were not chosen this time, are very determined to audition again next year! If any children would like to start dance classes (Ballet, Tap, Modern) please look on the noticeboard in the main reception for more details.



Diary Dates



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	Y6 performance of Lion King (evening)	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Jul	KS1 Sports Day 1:45pm
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Y6 performance of Lion King (morning)	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Parents informal meeting of new teacher and classroom 3:30pm
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Children told new teacher and class	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Jul	End of year reports sent home
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Jul	PTFA AGM 6pm	Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul	KS2 Sports Day 1:45pm
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Y6 performance of Lion King (evening)	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Y6 Leavers' Party Scout Hut
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Health and Fitness week	Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Shuffle up mornings in new classes with new teacher
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Nursery/Reception Sports Day 1:45pm	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul	BEGFEST Summer Celebration

#### Term Dates 2017/2018

Term 6: Monday 4 June - Tuesday 24 July 2018

#### Term Dates 2018/19

Term 1: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018  
 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 2017/2018

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July

#### Inset Days 2018/19

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October  
 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January  
 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

# Begbrook Photo Board



Thank you present Mr Lawrence and Mrs Mac for STAGES.



Gem certificate winners



Bibi showed us her horseriding certificate - growing her grit!



Gem certificate winners!



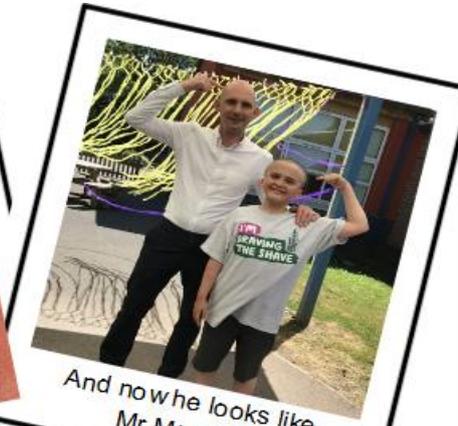
More Gem certificate winners..



Even more Gem Certificates



Joseph braved the shave!



And now he looks like Mr Munro!!!



Ruby power shining in 1EM...



Annie at her dance audition



Ava at her dance audition



Sponge the teacher - Mrs Hine and Mr Barratt getting soaked!