



BESSEMER GRANGE NEWS

Newsletter 13/09/17 Issue 1

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 15th September - Children's Individual Photos

Thursday 21st September - Year 1 English Parent Workshop 9:15am-10:15am

Friday 22nd September - Reception Reading and Phonics Parent Workshop 9:15am-10:15am

Friday 29th September - Year 2 English Parent Workshop 9:15am-10:15am

Tuesday 3rd October - Year 5/6 Maths Parent Workshop 9:15am-10:30am

Wednesday 4th October - Reception Maths Parent Workshop 9:15am-10:15am

Thursday 5th October - Year 1 Maths Parent Workshop 9:15am-10:15am

Friday 6th October - Year 2 Maths Parent Workshop 9:15am-10:15am

Monday 9th to Friday 13th October - PSHE/Internet Safety Week

Friday 13th October - Early Years Celebration Day 9:45am-10.45am

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th October - Parents Evening (times to follow)

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th October - Art Exhibition

Monday 16th October - School closed to pupils due to Inset Day

Tuesday 17th to Friday 20th October - Big Draw Week

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October - Half Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you have enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to a busy autumn term.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new staff members. This year I will continue to share my time between Bessemer and Keyworth Primary School. If you would like to meet me and I am unavailable, please ask to see Elizabeth Whitehead (Head of School), Rebecca Benjamins or Ray Capper (Deputy Headteachers).

Staff changes

I would like to offer a huge congratulations to the following members of staff who have been promoted into the following roles: Laura Dunphy is now the Phase Leader for Early Years; Lizzie Bullock is now the Phase Leader for Years 1 and 2; Alison Clark is now the Phase Leader for Years 3 and 4; and, Matthew Barnes is now the Phase Leader for Years 5 and 6. As before, your child's class teacher should be contacted with any questions or queries about their class. For other matters that are either more serious or that you feel that the class teacher may not be able to resolve, then please arrange an appointment via the school office with either myself, Elizabeth, Rebecca or Ray.

Website class pages

Your child's class page on the website is a great way for you to see what your child has been up to in class. To look at your child's class page visit the learning tab and click on classes, choose your child's class and take a look. The website will be updated by Monday 18th September. Please regularly check the website for up-to-date information.

Afterschool activity clubs

All after school activity clubs will begin the week beginning Monday 18th September with the list of children for each club being displayed by the end of Friday 15th September in the entrance of the school office.

School photographs

School photos will take place on Thursday 15th September. Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform. An example photograph will be sent home with your child. Return the photograph by the given deadline with the exact money if you would like to purchase a copy. If you would like a photo of your child and their siblings, please bring your child to the top hall between 7:45am and 9:00am. No sibling photographs will be taken during the school day.

Parent Workshops

There are a number of parent workshops taking place this term. All workshops will be held at 9.15am in the lower hall. If you are unable to attend the workshop, handouts and presentations will be available on our school website under the parent info tab.

Gates

To ensure all pupils are on time for school, gates will open at the following times: The KS1, Yr3/4 and Yr5/6 gates will open at 8:45am. Children in KS1 will be allowed to enter their classrooms at 8:50am and lessons will start promptly at 9:00am. All KS1 courtyard gates will be closed at 9:05am. KS2 playground gates will be closed at 9:05am. The Early Years playground gate will open at 8:50am and classroom doors will open at 9:00am. Please ensure that you stay with your children and that they do not play with the activities that have been prepared for the day ahead. Any child who is late to school must report to the school office where they will be given a late card. If your child receives three late cards they will miss their morning play.

Road Safety

Please ensure you allow time to park your car in a permitted space and walk your child into school. The Parking Enforcement Team will be back this term to check that we are following the law so that the children can cross the road safely. It is illegal to park on double yellow lines and zigzag lines. Please ensure that you follow all of these rules so that we avoid any accidents.

Attendance

Please remember if your child is unwell or has an appointment, you must call the school office as soon as possible so that we can record their absence.

Uniform

If you wish to purchase school uniform, please complete a purchase order form. These forms can be downloaded from the website or collected from the school office. Uniform will be available to collect on a Friday two weeks after the order has been made. If you need any last minute uniform, it can be purchased on Fridays from the school office while stocks last.

Medical

This is a reminder that Bessemer is a nut free school as we have many children with nut allergies. A very serious reaction can occur even if a child has not eaten any nuts. The fact that there are nuts or products that contain traces of nuts nearby can cause a child with a nut allergy to go into anaphylactic shock. Please ensure that if your child has prescribed medicines in school that they are in date. This includes epipens, asthma inhalers, paracetamol as well as any antihistamines. Medicines need to be taken to the school office. Children with epipens need to have 2 in school. Unfortunately, we will not be able to take children out on visits unless we have been provided with the medicines that they need. This is to ensure their safety.

Payments

Please can we remind you to include a reference note when making a bank payment to the school. For example, if paying for John Smith to attend after school club, please write the reference **Smith.J ASC**.

Notice of Public Meeting

There will be a public meeting to discuss actions to deter crime around Greendale. This will take place on Thursday 21st September between 7pm and 9pm at the Albrighton Community Centre, SE22 8AH. All residents are welcome to attend.



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