



BESSEMER GRANGE NEWS

Newsletter 17/10/17 Issue 2

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

Friday 20th October - Harvest Sing-along 3.15pm - KS1 playground

Friday 20th October - F@B Play Street and Festival of Lights 3.30pm

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

Wednesday 8th November - Year 5/6 Parent Workshop - 9.15am to 10.15am - English

Thursday 9th November - Nursery Parent Workshop - 9.15am to 10.15am - Maths

Friday 17th November - Play Street 3.30pm

Wednesday 13th December - Children's Christmas Lunch

Thursday 14th December - 2.00pm to 3.00pm - Reception Nativity Performance

Friday 15th December - 10.00am to 11.00am - Reception Nativity Performance

Friday 15th December - 2.00pm to 3.00pm - Year 2 Winter Performance

Friday 15th December - 6.00pm to 7.00pm - KS2 Winter Carol Concert at St Faiths Church

Monday 18th December - 10.00am to 11.00am - Year 2 Winter Performance

Monday 18th December - 3.00pm to 3.30pm - Year 1 Winter Sing-along

Tuesday 19th December - 1.00pm to 3.30pm - Class Parties

Wednesday 20th December - Last Day of Term (school closes at 2.00pm)

Dear Parents & Carers,

What a busy start to the academic year it has been! We wish you all a safe and happy half term and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 30th October.

Contact Information

Please ensure that your most recent contact details have been updated at the school office. Parentmail messages will be sent to the details that you used when registering at Bessemer unless you have updated your contact details since.

Sport Events

Well done to the Year 6 football team who made it through to the semi-finals in their latest match. Congratulations also to the Year 5 and 6 children who recently competed in a cross-country running competition. A special note goes to Laik Burnie-Etienne in 6CR who was the fastest boy and Alima Johnson in 6MB who was the fastest girl. Team Bessemer won the cross-country competition overall!

Harvest Festival

On Friday 20th October, we will be performing a few short songs to celebrate this year's harvest collection. If you are able to, we would appreciate contributions to the harvest collection boxes located in the playgrounds, courtyards and by the school office. Tinned and packet foods would be particularly useful. We will be giving this year's food collections to the Salvation Army and the Central Southwark Community Hub for their foodbanks and soup kitchens.

Big Draw

Our Big Draw Week begins on Tuesday 17th October. Please ask your child's class teacher to find out when their drawing day will be for you to come in and draw with your child. We will be creating a whole school drawing on Friday 20th October, which will be photographed and displayed on our website. For more information about The Big Draw and to find out about fun activities that are being held during the half term, look at their website: <http://www.thebigdraw.org/events?p=se5%208hp>

Art Exhibition

Thank you to all parents/carers who purchased their children's art work this year. The exhibition was an amazing success and the children's work looked fantastic. If you missed the exhibition, you have until Friday 20th October to purchase your child's framed artwork.

F@B Festival of Lights

Join us on Friday 20th October at 3.30pm in the school nature garden to celebrate our Festival of Lights. Taste some traditional food and listen to the fantastic Dhol Drummers perform.

Lateness and PE Detentions

Please remember that if your child is in Years 1 to 6 and receives three late cards or forgets their PE kit on three occasions, they will be issued with a detention. This detention will not be recorded but your child will miss their playtime. Please support your child with this by ensuring that they are on time for school and that their PE kit is brought into school each Monday.

Road Safety

Well done to Theo Godfrey in class 4JB who won the road safety poster competition. Look out for his posters on your windscreens if you park illegally! Posters will be made from his design and displayed around the school premises. Please, please, please refrain from illegally parking outside of school, as this is extremely dangerous for the children and families of Bessemer.

Medicines

Please ensure that any prescribed medicines that your child has in school is in date. This includes epipens, asthma inhalers, paracetamol, and any antihistamines etc.

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 valid medicines that they need; this is to ensure their safety.

Stand Up To Cancer Charity Collection

A huge thank you to all of the children and parents who contributed to this worthy charity. We have raised an amazing total of £1,895. The children looked amazing in their colourful clothes!

Questions to The Mayor

Well done to our Junior Travel Ambassadors whose questions were presented to Sadiq Khan on Thursday 12th October. If you would like to hear the responses that were given, you can watch the clip on our Twitter page on the school website.



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