




# BESSEMER GRANGE NEWS

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April - F@B AGM 9.15am Lower Hall

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April - F@B coffee morning 9.15am Lower Hall

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April - KS1 SATs begin

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - School Closed Polling Day**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May - School Closed - Bank Holiday**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> - KS2 SATs

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Bessemer Bike Week

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Play Street 3.30pm

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Half Term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Children Return

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June - F@B New Starters' Picnic 12 - 1.30pm

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Health and Wellbeing Week

Monday June 25<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 School Journey

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Play Street 3.30pm

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you have had a nice break and are ready for the Summer Term. Can we remind you that school will be closed to the children on Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the local elections and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May as it is a bank holiday.

### After School Clubs

All after school clubs will begin on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April please check the lists by the school office to see which club your child has a place in.

### SATs

Year 2 and 6 SATs will take place this half term. Year 2 will sit their tests first over two weeks from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Please look at the calendar on the school website for further information or ask Elizabeth Bullock. Year 6 will sit their tests each morning during the week of the 14<sup>th</sup> May, details regarding these tests will be sent out later this week. If you have any questions regarding the KS2 SATs please speak to Matthew Barnes. Please make sure your child attends school during this time, that they have a good breakfast and an early night the evening before.

### Sunshine

At last the sun is shining and the rain seems to have disappeared. Can we remind you to please provide your child with a labelled bottle of water, a hat for the playground and to smother them in sun cream before the start of the day. School hats can be purchased at the school office. If your child suffers from any allergies i.e. hay fever please ensure their medication is given to them before the start of the school day.

### Bike Racks

Hopefully you will have noticed that thanks to a travel grant and funds from F@B, new bike racks have been built on the main path by the main school gate. Please make sure bikes are locked securely here and scooters are stored in the correct place. There will be bike and scooter signs displayed to help you put your bike or scooter away. Please can we ask that bikes are not chained to the fence on the main path.

Carnival

Carnival planning has begun and we will announce the theme in due course. If you have any old fabric, cardboard tubes, egg cartons or craft resources which you no longer need please hand them into the office clearly labelled art materials. If you would like to help prepare for carnival and can offer your time in any way, e.g. craft, art, performance, music, storytelling, animation or dance workshops please let Rebecca Benjamins know.

Sports Relief

Well done to everyone who took part in our sponsored run and aerobic activities for Sports relief. We raised a massive £1467.03 for the charity and a fun afternoon was had by all. If you would still like to make a donation, please donate via the school's Sports Relief Giving Page: <https://my.sportrelief.com/sponsor/rebeccabenjamins3149780>

F@B

F@B successfully launched the Silver Smarties fundraising competition during the excellent egg hunt on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. If you were unable to attend and would still like to take part please come to the school office where you can purchase a tube of smarties and collect your entry form.

F@B will be hosting an AGM meeting at 9.15am on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> in the lower hall. Please do come along to make sure F@B continues to run during the next academic year. F@B is an invaluable part of our school and without them many enrichment activities would not happen. Through their fundraising this year they have supported science week, the nature garden, new bike racks, carnival and year 6 school journey. We are in need of a new chair to lead F@B next year, if this is something you feel you would like to do or would like to become an additional member of the team please do come along to the meeting.

Packed Lunches

Please be aware that some items are not allowed in children's packed lunches. This is because we are a Healthy School, and we want children to eat a nutritious and balanced lunch that sustains them throughout the afternoon. Packed lunches should contain a main item, such as a sandwich, wrap or pasta salad, some fruit or vegetables and another snack such as crackers and cheese, a yoghurt or a cereal bar.

We do understand that when children have a packed lunch for a school trip they consider this a treat and this is reflected in the recommendations below.

For school trips please do not include: nuts or nut products, e.g. peanut butter, grapes, sweets, chocolate bars (biscuits with some chocolate coating are acceptable) or fizzy drinks.

For daily packed lunches in school please do not include: any drink other than water, nuts or nut products, grapes, sweets, crisps, sweet biscuits or chocolate bars of any sort.

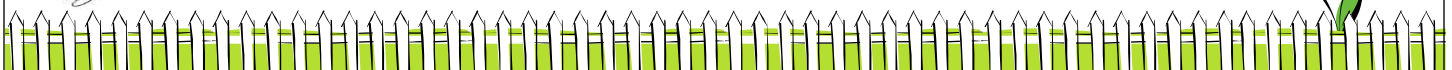
Children bringing the above items in their lunches will not be allowed to eat them in school.

Attendance

The link between good school attendance and attainment has long been recognised; what is equally as important is good punctuality to school. Therefore, over the coming term we will be having a 'Late Gate' which is an initiative supported by Officers from the Local Authority. Parents arriving to school late with their children will be asked to explain the reason for the lateness, and this may be followed up by the Local Authority Officer. Parents who have taken their children to medical appointments before the start of the school day, and then attend, will not be deemed as late. It is only with your support that we can maintain the good standards of punctuality and attendance, for your children to achieve their best outcomes.

Forest School

The Jolly Foresters Company will be working with children in our reception classes during the summer term. This is a great experience for our children as they will be receiving forest school lessons. As well as running sessions for children during the school day, the Jolly Foresters will be running a Saturday stay and play session in our nature garden. Please look on their website for more details - [jollyforesters.com](http://jollyforesters.com).



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