



BESSEMER NEWS

Friday 20th September 2019

Important dates this term

23/9/19 Yr 1 maths workshop
9.15am

27/9/19 Yr 2/3 maths
workshop 9.15am

30/9/19 Yr 4/5 maths
workshop 9.15am

3/10/19 Reception maths
workshop 9.15am

4/10/19 Yr 6 maths workshop
9.15am

7/10/19 Yr 4/5 English
workshop 9.15am

8/10/19 & 9/10/19 Parents'
evenings & art exhibition

10/10/19 Yr 2/3 English
workshop 9.15am

11/10/19 Yr 6 English
workshop 9.15am

17/10/19 Yr 1 phonics
workshop 9.15am

18/10/19 Early Years
Celebration day 9.15-10.15

21 - 25 /10/19 Half term

11/12/19 Year 2 play 10am &
2pm

12/12/19 Reception Nativity
1.30pm

12/12/19 F@B pantomime
3.45pm

13/12/19 Reception Nativity
9.30am

13/12/19 Yr 3/4 Carols at St
Faith's (evening) **TBC**

16/12/19 Yr 5/6 Carols at St
Faith's (evening) **TBC**

Pick up and Drop Off

I know that some parents with children in different Key Stages have been finding it difficult to get all of their children in to their classrooms on time. I would like to clarify the times that gates and doors open in the morning so that all children can be in their classrooms by 9am.

Year 5/6 playground and 3/4 playground open and are supervised at 8.45am

Year 1/2 classroom doors open at 8.50am

Reception and Nursery classroom doors open at 8.55am

These times are arranged so that you can drop older children off first and still have time to get to Early Years before 9am. Please ensure that your child is in the classroom on time as late arrivals are disruptive to learning.

Term Time Absence

I wrote two weeks ago about the changes to the Southwark criteria for authorising term time absence, however I have continued to receive a number of requests for leave that I am unable to authorise. In order to clarify our position I have attached to this newsletter Southwark's examples of circumstances that are considered exceptional, and some examples of those that are not. Working within these very strict guidelines we will continue to do our best to support the needs of families in difficult circumstances, but please only make applications for leave in exceptional circumstances

Activity Club Snacks

If your child is attending an activity club after school you are welcome to send a small snack in their book bag for them to eat before the club starts, e.g. fruit, breadsticks, crackers, a plain biscuit or cereal bar. Please do not send crisps, sweets or chocolate.

Magic Booking

I would like to thank those parents who have shown great patience and understanding as we have struggled to get to grips with Magic Booking. Introducing new systems is often challenging, and while I appreciate that mistakes have been made, resulting in some frustration for parents, it is important to recognise that those involved have been working very hard to correct mistakes and resolve issues. I am happy to say that Magic Booking is now up and running smoothly, our extensive range of clubs have all started, and I hope that these difficulties in booking clubs have not overshadowed our outstandingly successful start to the year in terms of teaching and learning. If you have any queries about Magic Booking please see Zoe in the office any day before school or after school until 4.30 on Wednesdays. If you are unable to make those times please email your enquiry to the office for Zoe's attention. We regret that we are unable to deal with Magic Booking enquiries at other times.

Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth