



BESSEMER NEWS

Friday 6th 2019

Important dates this term

- 20/9/19 Reception reading & phonics workshop 9.15am
- 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 2/3 English 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
- 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**

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the start of a new year! We have had a very positive first few days with children and new staff settling in well. We have four new teachers this year, Jack Mellett in Year 1, Emma Rose in Year 2, Christian Booth in Year 3 and Yousef Harrak in Year 6. We have also welcomed Lisa Adewale, Joanna Barnes, Sevinc Yukselir and Joe Plews in support roles across the school. We know that they will all soon feel at home in the welcoming Bessemer community.

Some members of the SLT team have also moved into new roles; Rebecca Benjamins is now leading Years 2 and 3, Jamie Noble is leading Years 3 and 4 and Lizzie Clarke is leading Year 6. Laura Dunphy has returned from maternity leave to resume her role as Early Years leader and Amanda Matheson has taken on the role of Year 1 leader. While you should see your child's class teacher first if you have any concerns about your child, these phase leaders are very happy to make appointments with you to discuss any larger issues.

Breakfast Club

As you will have seen on Magic Booking we have had to put the price of Breakfast Club up to £3.00 per day in order to ensure we cover costs. While this is still a very competitive rate compared to other local breakfast clubs we appreciate that this might cause difficulties for some families. If you have concerns about this increase please do come and see the office staff or me as we may be able to make adjustments in some cases.

Lifting Limits

All staff took part in some very interesting training on Gender Equality on Tuesday and this is going to be a whole school focus this year and in the future. I hope you will hear lots about this from your children over the coming year, but for now some introductory information can be found attached to this newsletter.

Pick up and Drop Off

From Monday the school gates will not be unlocked in the afternoons until 3.25 (KS1) or 3.30 (KS2) to reduce the amount of learning time lost through staff supervising the gates. In order to reduce congestion at the Year 3/4 gate at home time please could KS1 parents leave via the KS1 gate whenever possible.

Key Stage 1 parents are reminded that they cannot enter or leave through the school corridors in the morning or afternoon. All children must come in to school and leave again through their courtyards.

Term Time Absence

Rules around authorising term time absence have become stricter, and the school is now only able to authorise absence in very exceptional circumstances, such as the funeral of a close family member. Term time holidays or other days out of school cannot be authorised. We will be adding this information to the school website along with other updated policies, so please do check our website regularly.

Trips

We often need parent helpers to accompany us on trips. If you think that you might often be able to help please let your class teacher know so they have a bank of people they can call if they are short of helpers. Thank you for your ongoing support and have a great weekend!

Elizabeth