



# BESSEMER NEWS

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Important dates for your diary for this half term

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 9.15 - 10.00 - Year 3 and 4 parents' meeting (maths)

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 9.15 - 10.00 - Year 1 and 2 parents' meeting (English)

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 9.15 - 10.15 - Reception parents' meeting (maths)

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 9.15 - 10.00 - Year 5 and 6 parents' meeting (maths)

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' evening and art exhibition

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 9.15 - 10.15 - Early Years Celebration Day

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October, F@B Fun Run fundraising event at Jags Sports Field - 1.15pm for the 1km run and 2pm for the 3 and 5km

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 3:10pm** - Harvest Festival sing a long on the KS1 playground.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 3:30pm - Last day of Autumn 1 half term

## Parent information meetings

This week has seen the start of parent information meetings. Lots of parents/carers from years 1 and 2 joined us in the bottom hall on Tuesday to find out more about Maths in their child's year group. Thank you to all of the adults who came along! The PowerPoint presentations can be found on the school website and the resource packs can be purchased from the school office for 50p. Please join us for the English one next week!

For more information about your child's learning, please ask your child's class teacher at parents' evening on 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> October.

## Harvest

Years 1-6 will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October. We have been practising Harvest themed songs in our assemblies, so join us if you can for a sing a long on the KS1 playground at 3:10-3:30pm.



## Mathletics and Reading Eggs

Mathletics and Reading Eggs are really useful tools for home learning. The children can log in to their own Mathletics / Reading Eggs account and practise Maths and reading at home in their own time. Like all homework at Bessemer, this is not compulsory and is not a substitute for reading 1:1 with an adult, but it can be a fantastic tool to encourage home learning.

All log-ins should now be inside your child's book bag.

## Rockets!

### Maths

We are continuing to use our rocket cards for supporting Maths home learning. These focus on number facts. Your child will have one for their year group and will be starting at Step 1a. Once your child has achieved a whole 'step', they will be given a certificate and reward in Friday's assembly.

### Spelling

Years 2-6 now also have a rocket card for spelling! The steps will be based on the spelling patterns that children are learning in class, as well as some common exception words. Year 1 will start a spelling rocket when they are ready (beyond Phonics).

Although rocket home learning is not compulsory at Bessemer, it can be a useful way of supporting your child with their number facts and spellings at home.

Thank you for your continued support with home learning!

Have a great week,

*Lizzie* Assistant Headteacher for KS1

