



BESSEMER NEWS

Friday 31st January 2020

Dates for
your
diary.....

•06/02/20

Class Assembly: 5KL

Family Book Cafe

•11/02/20

Safer Internet Day

•13/02/20

Early Years Celebration Day

Class Assembly: 6YH

•14/02/20

Break up for half term

•24/02/20

Tutorial Day (school closed
except for parent – teacher
meetings)

•25/02/20

Children return to school

•27/02/20

Class Assembly: 3LS

•05/03/20

World Book Day

Class Assembly: 4HB

•12/03/20

Class Assembly: 1AM

•13/03/20

Sports Relief

•19/03/20

Class Assembly: 2ER

•26/03/20

Class Assembly: 1JM

•27/03/20

Year 4 production, 10am and
6pm

•W/B 30/03/20

House winners' trip

•02/04/20

Class Assembly: 3JK

•06/04/20 – 17/04/20

Easter Holiday



Next week is 'Children's Mental Health Week 2020', which is coordinated by the charity 'The Place 2 Be'. This year's theme is '**find your brave**'. Bravery comes in all shapes and sizes and is different for everyone. Bravery can be about sharing worries and asking for help, trying something new or pushing yourself outside your comfort zone. It can build your confidence, self-esteem and make you feel good about yourself.

Some of the things going on over the week include poetry workshops and a family book cafe. The **book cafe** will be a chance to learn about how books can help us look after our mental health and wellbeing. It will be on Thursday 6th February from 9.15-10am and you will need to sign up on Magic booking. Please ask at the office for further details.

Road Closure



We would like to remind you that the road closure outside school at pick up and drop off times starts at the entrance to the cul-de-sac, Nairne Grove. This is stated on sign posts at the junction to the main road, meaning that no one should be driving past that point. Any cars parked in the cul-de-sac are liable to receive a ticket once cameras are installed or if traffic wardens are on duty. The school has received a number of complaints from residents about parents parking in Nairne Grove, so please park your cars on the main road. We would also like to remind you that leaving the engine running while you wait is illegal. The impact of air pollution is well known; children are especially vulnerable to air pollution as their lungs are smaller and still growing and developing. They breathe more rapidly than adults which puts them at an increased risk. Buggies and prams are at the level of car exhausts and hand-held cigarettes. Exposure to air pollution can harm normal growth of lung function in the womb, during childhood and right up to the late teens.

In children with asthma, high levels of air pollution are linked to increased asthma attacks. At Bessemer we have certainly seen an increase in children with respiratory needs. Currently there are 48 children who have medical care plans for asthma as medication has to be kept in school to manage their condition.

If a child breathes high levels of air pollution over a long period, they might be at risk of their lungs not working as well as they grow older, developing asthma during childhood or as an adult and if they have asthma already, air pollution can make it worse, wheezing coughs, lung cancer when they're older and infections like pneumonia.

Word of the Week

Well done to all of the families that discussed our word of the week last week, the children were able to share the meaning and origin of the word Plethora with their class and in assembly. This week the word of the week is..... **Devour**.

Easter Club

We will be running Easter club for children in Reception and above for both weeks of the Easter holiday. For those parents who have not used our holiday club before, the club is either based in the lower hall and Year 3 and 4 playground, or Year 5 classrooms and the 5 and 6 playground. Each day there will be planned activities such as craft, archery, basketball or cooking as well as free time both indoors and outdoors. The children will also spend time in the nature garden and go on local trips to the adventure playground, the park, bowling or the cinema. There is an additional charge for some trips, such as bowling. We will be releasing a timetable of activities as soon as possible. Please book places on Magic Booking. **If you have already expressed interest in Easter Club on Magic Booking, you can now book the days you would like to use.**

If your child is in Reception but has not yet turned 5 please contact the office as they will need to book the place for you.

Advice & Support Roadshow.



Do you need help with Universal Credit - or any other benefit?

Are you in debt or rent arrears?

Do you have a problem with your energy provider?

Do you need help with your Council Tax?

Do you need to speak with Southwark's Housing Options Team?

For expert help with any of these issues, and more, come to our Advice & Support Roadshow.

Time and Talent 2, Surrey Quays Shopping Centre
(opposite Tesco), Redriff Rd, Rotherhithe, London SE16 7LL

10am-2pm, Tuesday 28th January 2020

F@B Dates

W/b 25 Feb: we're combining recycling and fundraising with a kids' pre-loved clothing sale and a Bags2School collection.

Fri 6 March: school-wide book swap

Thurs 12 March: Science Fair

Weds 25 March: World Food Fair

Fri 3 April: Easter fun on

We hope you can join us, thanks so much!

Do get in touch with any ideas: fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk

Class Assemblies

Thank you to all of the parents who have attended class assemblies so far. Please check the diary dates for the date of your child's assembly. Any assemblies not listed will be taking place next term.

Have a lovely weekend..... *Lynette*