

Belmont Primary School Newsletter December 2nd 2016



Dear Parents,

December is finally upon us and there is a great buzz of excitement around the school with the number of festivities which will be enjoyed over the coming two weeks, starting tonight with the Christmas Fair. However, we are still all working really hard up until the end of term to ensure that all learning opportunities are taken.

Guisborough Christmas Tree Festival

Earlier this week, Mrs Simpson, one of our fantastic office staff, visited St Nicholas' Church to decorate our 'Belmont Primary School Christmas Tree'. The decorations were created by our Year Two children in Miss MacSween's class and the fabulous news is that the festival is open for public viewing until Friday 9th December. Please do go along and have a look; it is really wonderfully festive!

E Safety

As parents, we can find it difficult keeping up with advances in technology which can make it challenging to monitor the content of what online content our children might be viewing or exposed to at home. With this in mind, we have asked our fantastic Anti Bullying and Behaviour Consultant Kate Hillyard to present information to parents on Tuesday 24th January 2017. She will offer two sessions (2pm and 4pm) and we would seriously urge you to attend one of these. More information will be given in the new year.

PD Days

Firstly, many thanks for all the comments regarding our 'back to back' PD Days last week. I am glad it provided you with an opportunity to have a pleasant weekend. With this in mind, next year we shall undertake a similar exercise whereby **Friday 24th November and Monday 27th November** will be PD Days. We have also arranged a PD Day for **Friday 24th February 2017**.

Key Diary Dates for This Term

Given that there are many events still happening over the next two weeks, it seems prudent to outline these separately from the 'whole school calendar' attached overleaf:

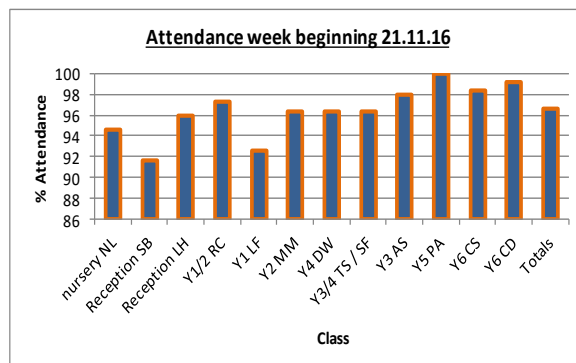
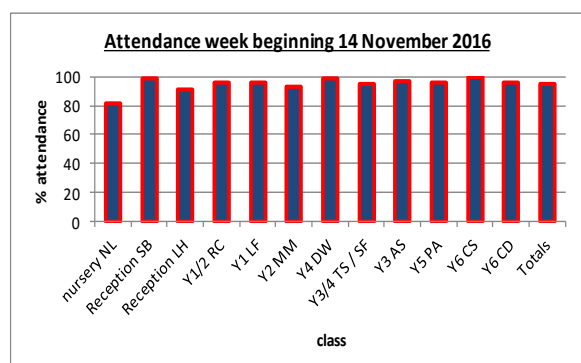
Tuesday 6th December: Music club members to sing at Morrisons in Guisborough;
Tuesday 6th December 4pm: Music club singing at St Nicholas' Church;
Wednesday 7th December: Nativity performance in KS2 hall. Letters have been sent out with Information on this;
Thursday 8th December: Year 5 'strings' concert;
Friday 9th December: Y3 AS Taiko drumming performance;
Monday 12th December: ECCLT Choir Concert at Eston (all day for children; 1pm start for the actual performance);
Tuesday 13th December: Netball tournament at Grangetown (Mrs Simpson's netball club members);
Wednesday 14th December: Christmas Lunch;
Thursday 15th December: EYFS children to the Stockton Arc to see 'The Snow Dragon';
Friday 16th December 3.10pm: School closes for the Christmas break.

Christmas Lunch

This will be on Wednesday 14th December, as mentioned above. If your child wishes to bring in a Christmas jumper to wear over lunchtime, just to add to the festive mood, then you are most welcome to send one in for them to change into!

Attendance

Well done to Mrs Anderson's class who achieved 100% last week. It would seem that attendance is being 'hit' at the moment with a few quite nasty illnesses which appear to be 'doing the rounds'. Hopefully these will soon be gone!



Diary Dates

We will continue to update the list below for your information:

Friday 2nd December: Christmas Fair;

Wednesday 7th December: Nativity performance (Reception parents invited to attend);

Friday 9th December: Key Stage One / Two reports to go out;

Wednesday 14th December: Christmas lunch;

Friday 16th December: End of term;

Tuesday 3rd January: Return to school;

Tuesday 24th January: E Safety talks for parents (2pm or 4pm options);

Friday February 10th: Break up for half term;

Monday 20th February: Return to school;

Friday 24th February: PD Day: Children not in school

Wednesday 22nd March: Year Five residential visit to Robinwood;

Friday 24th March: Year Five return;

Monday 27th March: KS1 and KS2 reports to go home;

Monday 3rd April / Wednesday 5th April: Parents' Evenings;

Friday April 7th: Break up for Easter;

Monday 24th April: Return to school;

Throughout the month of May: Key Stage One (Year 2) testing month;

Monday 1st May: Bank holiday: school closed;

Monday 8th May - Friday 12th May: Year Six SATs Testing Week;

Friday 26th May: Break up for half term;

Monday 12th June: Year One Phonics Testing Week;

Thursday 6th July: Sports Day

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend,

Yours Sincerely,

Chris Gibson