

Belmont Primary School Newsletter October 7th 2016



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the end of another busy week here at Belmont Primary where the sun continues to shine!

Year Six Visit

Earlier in the week, our Year Six pupils visited Durham University to learn more about their studies on Ancient Egypt. As well as enhancing their knowledge and understanding, we received this quote from one of the staff members at the university who was working with the children:

“Year 6 were an absolute joy to teach today. Well behaved, enthusiastic with an endless supply of interesting questions. They were a credit to your school.”

We are obviously always rightly proud of the children at Belmont Primary School and it is absolutely magnificent to hear that their terrific attitudes and behaviour are recognised outside of school also. Year Five will be attending the same venue today and I have no doubt that they too will be recognised in a similar manner.

Missing Item

One of our children is missing a valued item of clothing. It is a Middlebrough FC training top. The top which is grey has a yellow insert in the hood and is for age 7/8. It also has the child's name inside. Could I issue a plea that everybody please check at home just in case it has managed to find its way into your child's PE bag by accident. I know the child is currently really upset because of this issue and I am confident that we can help reunite him with it.

Website

We are in the process of updating our school website in terms of its layout and usability. We will be uploading information on a more regular basis and hope to have images and explanations of what has been going on across the school in the near future.

Please take a look at www.belmont-primary.org and any feedback, positive or otherwise, would be greatly appreciated. We want it to be a site which provides the information which you want and would find useful.

Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair returns to school this week. It is a fabulous opportunity to purchase books for the age ranges of children we have in school and, further to this, the school also receives a percentage of the money raised to spend on books for the school. The fair will be held after school on Tuesday and Wednesday 11th and 12th October in the Key Stage Two hall. Many thanks to those who help run the stall also. We could not do it without you!

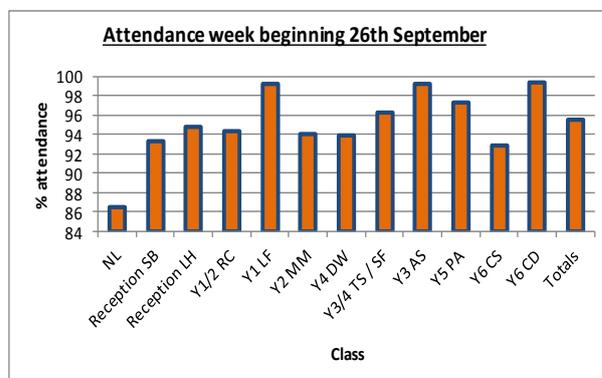
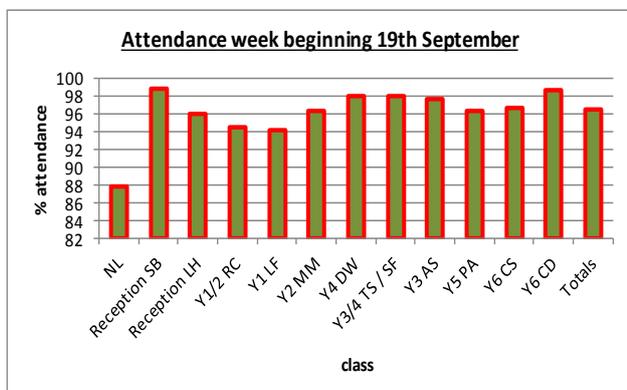
Super Hero Lunch

What a terrific event this was! Many thanks to our magnificent kitchen staff who once again pulled off a fantastic themed lunch. I for one loved my Hulk Burger and Wolverine Wedges. Captain America's Shield pizzas and the Flash's Fingers fish fingers were also winners !



Attendance

We are currently struggling to achieve 100% attendance in any classes at the moment which means the prize bag is overflowing. We obviously do appreciate that children get ill and do not encourage their attendance when they are genuinely unfit to be in school but missing sessions where it is not entirely necessary does have a significant impact on attainment and progress. Your ongoing support is much appreciated.



Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 11th October / Wednesday 12th October: Scholastic Book Fair;
Thursday 13th October: Harvest Festival (KS1 parents invited to attend);
Tuesday 18th October / Thursday 20th October: Parents' Evening;
Friday 21st October 3.10pm: Break up for half term;
Monday 31st October: Return to school;
Friday 25th November: PD Day: school closed;
Monday 28th November: PD day: school closed;
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;
Friday February 10th: Break up for half term;
Monday 20th February: Return to 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;
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