

Belmont Primary School Newsletter September 23rd 2016



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the end of another busy week at Belmont. We had the rare treat this week of our fantastic school lunch staff creating the most wonderful apple crumble from the apples which grow in the school grounds, a sure sign that autumn is upon us. On that note, please remember to ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for the 'fresher' weather which is, of course, clearly named.

Friendship Benches

You may recall that last year, the School Council organised a 'readathon' to raise money for some new benches. The good news is, those benches have arrived and are already being used by the children. Well done to the School Council and all who helped raise the money! Brilliant effort!

Collecting Children From School

There have been some instances lately where some confusion has arisen over picking up children at the end of the school day. Children up to and including those in Year Four **MUST** be collected by a responsible adult who is known to your child's class teacher. If for any reason there is a change of circumstance as to who will be collecting your child, **PLEASE LET THE SCHOOL KNOW**. We will not allow children to leave the school site without appropriate supervision. Children in Year Five will be receiving a letter which will ask for permission to allow their child to walk home from school.

Parent Information Meetings

Many thanks to all who attended these sessions. We do hope that you found them useful. Those unable to attend will have received the letters outlining the key information. These can be found on the school website.

Reward Systems in School

As mentioned in the meetings, our reward systems will be continuing in school. We are especially keen to promote our 'Reader of the Week' and the Friday book draws. For the book draws, your child needs to have their reading acknowledged at least four times in a week to qualify for a draw ticket. These are drawn for each class weekly in Reception and Key Stage One and fortnightly in Key Stage Two. Each class will have a winner who receive a new book of their choosing as well as the chance to win a 'Kindle' at the end of each term. We think that this is well worth entering and, as the children continue to remind each other, you have to be in it to win it!

Chewing Gum

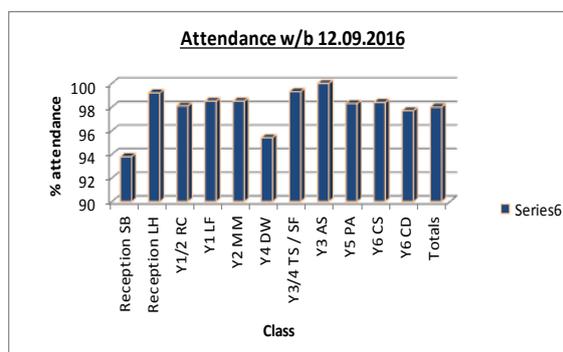
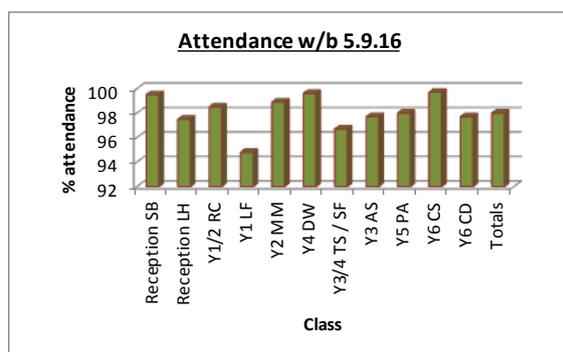
It has been brought to our attention that chewing gum is being brought into school. I would like to remind the children that chewing gum and sweets are not allowed in school. Many thanks for your support.

Uniform

Many thanks to you all for supporting the uniform policy. The children are wonderfully presented and it is terrific to see.

Attendance

Last week we had our first '100% class' of the new school year! Well done to Miss Schumm's class who yesterday got the chance to take a 'lucky dip' in the attendance prize bag!



Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 4th October: Year Six visit to Durham University

Friday 7th October: Year Five visit to Durham University

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