

Begbrook Primary Academy

Dear families,

What a busy term it has been! Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful time with family and friends over the next couple of weeks and we look forward to seeing you in 2024!

In this termly newsletter, we aim to share with you updates, key information and reminders about what's happening at Begbrook. You can also keep up to date by following our Academy social media accounts:



@wearebegbrook



@BegbrookAcademy



Curriculum and Learning in Term 2

Reception – We are so proud of our Reception learners who performed the Christmas story to family and friends this term. To support their communication and language development, they learnt the Christmas story using pictures and signs. They also learnt lots of songs, too!



Year 1 – Our Year 1 learners were also amazing performers this term! They worked together to create the backdrop, props and costumes which they used to perform the story, 'Away in a Manger'. They used so much grit power to learn speaking parts as well as songs!

Year 2 – Our Year 2 learners went back in time this term as they enjoyed being Victorian children for the day. In the morning, they explored what it was like to be a rich child during the Victorian Era. They enjoyed fluffy feather pillows, eating fudge and playing with toys. In the afternoon, they explored what it was like to be poor. They went to work, had gruel for supper and made their own toys with paper and sticks. They then wrote diaries in role as a Victorian child.

Year 3 – As part of their historians unit, our Year 3 learners loved being Tudors for the day. They cooked pottage, learnt how to Tudor dances and enjoyed a virtual trip to The Glove theatre. A perfect way to end a fascinating unit of learning!



Year 4 – Our Year 4 learners were scientists this term – learning all about how sounds travel and how the ear can hear!

Year 5 – Our Year 5 learners have been historians this term, learning about the impact of the Roman invasion on Britain. After learning about the technology (inventions) and culture (traditions), they had a go at recreating Roman structure using lego. They built aqueducts, fast food huts (called thermopolia) and amphitheatres.

Year 6 – Our Year 6 learners have been designers this term. They have enjoyed practising their sewing skills, creating mood boards and designing their own winter garment which light up.





General Information and Reminders

Holiday Hub

Your Holiday Hub (YHH) Bristol is an organisation who provide holiday clubs and activities during the holidays for families who receive benefit-related free school meals. For more information, please follow the link below:

<https://www.yourholidayhubbristol.co.uk/>



Parking

We continue to be concerned about the safety of our children and families due to unsafe parking on the roads outside of school at drop off and collection times. This term, there have been a number of incidents where children have nearly been hit by cars which has resulted in families feeling upset and distressed. We are in contact with our Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) as well as the Bristol City Council, seeking advice on what we can do to keep our children and families safe on the road outside of school. In the meantime, if you see illegal and/or unsafe parking on the road outside of school then please do use the following link to report your concern. Thank you in advance for your support.



<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/streets-travel/tell-us-about-a-road-safety-concern>

Attendance Update

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring that your child attends school every day that they are well enough to do so. As you know, when a child is absent, it is part of our safeguarding practice to have contact with the family to ensure the child, and family, are safe. On our academy website in the 'Contact Us' section there are three forms which can be used to notify us that your child will not be attending school. Please see below for more information:

 [Reporting my child absent](#) 

'Reporting my child absent' allows you to notify us that your child will not be in school that day, often due to illness. Please ensure that this form is completed before 8.30am. In order to report absence on the day, you may also contact the office via telephone on 0117 903 0386 or email info@bpa.clf.uk before 8.30am.

 [Term Time Absence Request](#) 

'Term Time Absence Request' allows you to request time off for your child in advance. Please ensure that this form is completed at least 14 days before the time off would be required. One of the attendance team will then respond to your request, gathering a bigger picture of the reasons behind the time off and to discuss whether or not this will be authorised.

 [Notification of Leaving](#) 

The 'Notification of Leaving' form allows to you inform us if your child will no longer be attending school at Begbrook and will be attending another school.

Please do contact us on the main school email if you would like to discuss any of the above information further. Thank you for your support with our attendance work at Begbrook.



Safeguarding and Family Support

If you have a concern about a child or family during the Christmas holidays, please use the information on our Academy website about how to report a concern. You can access this information by following the link below:

<https://begbrookprimaryacademy.clf.uk/key-information/safeguarding-information/>

As part of our safeguarding curriculum, each week we talk to children and staff about different safeguarding themes. In term 3, our safeguarding weekly themes are:

Week 1 – What can you do if you're worried about something you learn about in RSHE?

Week 2 – Privates are private

Week 3 – NSPCC Speak out. Stay Safe. What are your rights to being safe?

Week 4 – Child on child harm (behaviour)

Week 5 – Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Week 6 – Online safety

We introduce the safeguarding weekly theme in Monday's assembly, review it each day in our classes and then stick the weekly theme poster in our floorbooks on a Friday and record what we have learnt.



Bristol Support for Parents and Carers

Families in focus is the name of the organisation who offer support to families for home related difficulties such as children's behaviour and/or problems related to domestic violence or substance misuse. They offer advice, 1 to 1 or group support as well as signposting families to other resources and organisations. If you think this is something that your family would benefit from, please contact them on 0117 9036444.



Key Dates

Key dates for this Academic year can be found on the calendar of events that is regularly shared with you via email. Please see the term 3 dates below (yellow items have been recently added).

Term 3 Jigsaw theme – Changing Me	
01/01/24	Bank holiday
02/01/24	INSET
03/01/24	Start of Term 3
03/01/24	EAL parent/carer community group meeting
08/01/24	Y6 SATS Information Meeting in school (09:00) Y6 SATS Information Meeting in school (18:30)
17/01/24	EAL parent/carer community group meeting
31/01/24	EAL parent/carer community group meeting
30/01/24	Bedtime Stories (17:00-18:00)
07/02/24	Parents Evening 1
08/02/24	Parents Evening 2
09/02/2024	End of Term 3

Sending warm wishes for a happy and healthy 2024,

Begbrook Team