

# Begbrook News

## **End of the year - we made it!**

What a year it has been! It was so lovely to be able to celebrate the end of the year together at BegFest last week – more about that later...

In our final assembly this week, we spoke to the children about how the end of the year brings about change, and that sometimes that can feel exciting and sometimes it can feel slightly scary because it is unknown. We discussed how the Shuffle Up days helped to give us an idea of what things would be like next year. We also discussed how the end of the year brings about an opportunity for reflection – to reflect on achievements and to reflect on things we are proud of. And there are so many things our children can be proud of!

Our Y6 children showed us all why we should be proud of them in their Y6 performance of The Wizard of Oz this week. They showed terrific amethyst power as they worked as a team; they had used their grit power to practice and remember all their lines, lyrics and dance moves; they used their emerald power when things didn't go exactly to plan; and their ruby power shone through as they smiled their way through the performance and congratulated each other afterwards! Thank you Y6 – it was the perfect way to end your time at Begbrook.

For our Y6 children, and a few others from across the school who are also moving on from Begbrook, we would like to wish each and every one of you the best of luck in your new school – we know you are going to be amazing! You have made so many incredible memories during our time at Begbrook and you are absolutely ready for your next adventure. We will miss you!

We also have a number of staff moving on this year – thank you to each of you for your dedication and care in helping to make Begbrook a truly wonderful place. We wish you the best of luck for the next stage of your journey.

There are lots of exciting things to be looking forward to next year. I know that Miss Counsell, the new Principal, can't wait to start at Begbrook and get to know you all.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you all for the kind words and support you have offered during my time here. I have absolutely loved working at Begbrook and have so many wonderful memories. I am going to end this message with one of my favourite phrases that I am sure many of you will be able to relate to, and it is certainly how I will be feeling as I walk out of the school gates for the last time today:

**“Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened (Dr Seuss)”**

Mrs Hine (Vice Principal)

## **PGFA Corner**

### **Begfest!**

The theme for BegFest was 'Togetherness', and after two years of being apart it was magical to be able to all come together in the glorious sunshine to celebrate the end of the year. There were so many things going on and it was amazing to see everyone enjoying themselves.

The children took to the stage in their year groups to perform songs to the crowd and they did a fantastic job. 'DJ Conway' was a superstar and remained calm and composed as he sorted the technical issues that arose – thank you!

Children also shone as they performed music with Ben under the shade of the big tree. So many people have commented about how this was their favourite part of BegFest – a true showcase of talent from right across the school. A massive thank you to Ben for everything you do for our children!

There were stalls selling delicious treats (although the heat certainly impacted the cake stand as some of them started to melt in the sun!) We had a bouncy castles, games, face painting and the very popular henna stand. Thank you so much to everyone who supported in running a stall.

Finally, a HUGE THANK YOU to the PTFA for organising such an incredible event. The atmosphere in school on the day of BegFest was electric as we were all so excited! It was such a special event and it wouldn't have been possible without you – you are amazing!

### **Y6 Leavers Party**

Our Y6 children were treated to a wonderful Leaver's party last Friday. A massive thank you to the PTFA and others who supported with the organisation and running of this event – we know the children thoroughly enjoyed it! Whilst this was not a school-run event, we wanted to be able to share with you a link to some photos from the party. This link will be deactivated by midday on Sunday so please ensure you download any photos that you want to keep by that time: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1NLRKaiFbugSftqseiD0-8CjEOUIJHWu?usp=sharing>

### **Wrap around care**

If you are interested in your child attending Breakfast Club or After School Club next year, bookings for these provisions are now open. To access bookings, please log onto your ScoPay account. Please remember that bookings for After School Club are taken for the entire term whereas bookings for Breakfast Club can be made in advance up to the day before you need it.

## Attendance Reminders

We would like to extend a big thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting your children to attend school and engage so well with their learning during the last academic year. We know that this reflects the value our families place on children learning in school every day. We are looking forward to working with all our existing and new pupils and families in the new academic year, to support best attendance and learning.

The first day and week of term are very important in helping pupils to settle into school and the school routine. Children who attend every day during the first week are better settled into the changes that happen in new academic years, and therefore more readily able to access learning than those who miss out. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child returns to school on the first day of term, which will be Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**Support for your child in school:** Please remember that we are here to help in any way we can. If you have any concerns about your child that you wish to discuss with the academy, please do contact us. If we cannot help directly, we will work with you to help you find other support. We can also be contacted on our September Inset Days, Thursday 1st September 2022 and Friday 2nd September 2022 if necessary.

**Important reminder about Term Time Leave:** The academy will not authorise any holiday or other leave of absence in term time, unless satisfied the reason for the absence is exceptional. Any absence should be for the shortest time possible; if an absence is agreed, the Principal will decide how many days of absence will be authorised. Unauthorised absence may result in a Penalty Notice or Prosecution. To assist parents/carers in booking holidays and arranging other events, please refer to our term dates and Inset Day information for the 2022/23 academic year, which can be found in the 'Dates for the Diary' section below.

Miss Adams and Miss Sutton

## Summer Reading Challenge 2022

This is a reminder about the library Summer Reading Challenge. For more information, see below:

**Where?** In All Bristol Libraries

**When?** All summer holiday! From Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Why?** Have Fun Reading!

**How?** Pick up your free fold-out starter pack from your local library. Read books, collect fun stickers and play games on the website.

[www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

**Take Part!** In fun activities happening in Bristol Libraries during the summer holidays.

**At the end?** Collect a brilliant medal & certificate!

**Join the library!** It's easy and free! Ask staff at your local library to help you. Children under 15 will need the permission of a parent or carer.

**Find us on Facebook** Bristol Libraries and follow us @BristolLibrary on Twitter & Instagram



# Summer Holiday Activity Clubs in Bristol

Families can now find free and paid for school holiday activities via the new Your Holiday Hub (YHH) website:

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

hundreds of free, fun activities across Bristol over the six-week summer holiday. The new website means families can now search for school holiday activities - including free YHH places for children on free school meals (FSM) as well as paid for activities and clubs.

The new website makes it easier for families in Bristol to find holiday activities, all in one place, by conveniently searching what's available by location, age, or activity.

Organisations offering activities can also access resources on the website as well as input and update the activities and clubs they are providing over the school holidays. The website will be updated for each holiday to reflect which activities are available over the summer, winter, and Easter school holidays.

YHH activities include cookery classes, sports, drama and learning about wildlife and the environment, and each four-hour holiday activity also includes a nutritious meal and food education



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ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	EVENT
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> and Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	INSET days – school closed to pupils
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	First day back at school for children
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Preschool stay and play session 3:45-4:30
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Meet the teacher meetings 3:30-4pm (Y1-Y6)
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Preschool stay and play session 3:45-4:30
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y6 Parent Camp meeting 6-7pm
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Reception children start full time
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Parent Forum 9-9:30am and 6-6:30pm
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Reception info meeting for families 9-9:30am and 6-6:30pm

## Term Dates 2022-23

Term 1: Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Sept – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct  
 Term 2: Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec  
 Term 3: Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb  
 Term 4: Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar  
 Term 5: Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May  
 Term 6: Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jun – Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July

## INSET Days 2022-23

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July