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Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are just passed the halfway mark of term 2 and we thought it was a good opportunity to remind/inform you of a few key pieces of information.

**Key dates for the rest of term 2**

27/11/23	Y2 Victorian Day (dress up in Victorian costume)
05/12/23	Reception Christmas Performance (09:30)
06/12/23	Reception Christmas Performance (09:30)
08/12/23	Christmas Jumper Day
08/12/23	Y6 NCMP Screening (AM) (revised date)
12/12/23	Y1 Christmas Performance (09:30)
12/12/23	Christmas Lunch Day for Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5
13/12/23	Y1 Christmas Performance (09:30)
13/12/23	Christmas Lunch Day for Reception, Y1 and Y6
14/12/23	Winterfest (15:30-17:30)
15/12/23	End of Term 2

**Staffing updates**

Miss Wilson will be leaving Begbrook at the end of this term. Miss Wilson has been at Begbrook for many years and has contributed greatly to the Maths curriculum work that has taken place over the past few years, as well as previously leading the Y5 teams for a number of years. We thank her for her hard work and dedication to the Begbrook community over the years! Miss Rixon will become the full time 4CW teacher from the start of term 3.

We are also excited to inform everyone that Mrs Preen is expecting a baby, due in April. We wish her a warm congratulations to her and her family.

We have now recruited our new Family Support Worker, Helen Small, and she joined us on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Mrs Small will work on both the safeguarding and attendance teams and will support families in a range of ways, including supporting families to ensure their children attend on time, every day.

**Attendance updates**

Our attendance target for this academic year is 96%. We are currently falling short of this and will be carrying out supportive work with families to ensure that more children attend school every day (when well enough to) and on



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time. We will be taking a personal approach with families to support improving attendance and punctuality and we will be getting in touch with families via letters, calls and meetings over the coming weeks and terms to support developing good attendance habits with our families.

**Admissions Consultation: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

We are consulting on a proposal to reduce our PAN (Published Admission Number) from 90 places to 60 places. Full details and a link to the proposed Policy can be found on our website <https://begbrookprimaryacademy.clf.uk/>

You are invited to provide any comments for consideration on the proposed arrangements by 5pm on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Final arrangements will be determined by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and will appear on the school website by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Any comments on or objections to the proposals can be made during the stated period to Elizabeth Tincknell, Head of Governance for the Cabot Learning Federation. The email address for correspondence is [Governance@clf.uk](mailto:Governance@clf.uk) or in writing to Elizabeth Tincknell, Federation House, King's Oak Academy, Brook Road, Bristol, BS15 4JT.

**Winter coats and lost property**

As the colder weather and longer evenings draw in, please do remember to send your children to school with a warm coat, every day. We try to make sure that the children get the opportunity for fresh air and playtime every day in the winter, even when it is cold and a little drizzly and so a warm coat is essential in order for them to be able to go outside.

We have an increasingly large amount of lost property building up in the lost property tubs in each year group. Please do make sure you look in them every Friday afternoon if your child has lost any belongings during the week. At the end of the term, we will remove any remaining lost property and re-purpose it towards our spare clothes supply.

**Winterfest – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Our PTFA are working hard to ensure that we have a fantastic Winterfest event this year and we are all looking forward to seeing you there! Please do get in touch with the PTFA directly if you are able to support this important event by volunteering some of your time on the day or with the preparations for the event.

**Start/finish of term dates**

Term 2 officially finishes at 3.30pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. There is an INSET day on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January and children will not be required to attend school on this date. **The first day of term 3 for children will be Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.**

We hope you have a pleasant week and do get in touch if you have any questions regarding the information above.

Kind regards,

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