

Begbrook News

Welcome Back - What's New?

Welcome back to a new school year! It has been so lovely to see everyone back in school and settling into their new classes. We thought we would start our newsletter by giving you an few updates on some new and exciting things:

What's new? We have brand new toilets in Y3/Y4 and Y5/Y6! The walls have been removed and the toilet doors now go from floor to ceiling. The children are very impressed by how smart and posh they look and are doing a fantastic job of looking after them.



What's new? Our dining hall has been revamped and now has signs and posters to support in the hall at lunchtime. All children have returned to eating in a school hall rather than in classrooms and a full menu is now back on offer. Remember - School Dinner Day for EYFS and KS1 is every Thursday!



What's new? Our Play Pod has had a much needed make over and we are sure you will all agree that it looks beautiful! The artist was inspired by our incredible grounds and surrounding area – the photo below does not do it justice so please pop in and check it out if you can.



What's new? Burst Bubbles! We are delighted to be able to be back in school without our bubble system in place. The children have been overjoyed at being able to play with all children from their year group at break and lunch time.



We have so many interesting and exciting plans for the year ahead, including the re-introduction of Extra-Curricular Clubs, and we cannot wait to share more information about this as the year progresses. Thank you to those of you who were able to make out 'Meet the Teacher' sessions on Wednesday. It was lovely to be able to invite you into the school building after so long! We look forward to working with you throughout the school year.

Mr Munro, Mrs Hine and Miss Adams

Parking

Now that we have returned to an 8:45am drop off and 3:30pm collection, the traffic and roads surrounding the school have become increasingly busy in comparison to what we became used to last year. Please bear this in mind and park considerately and safely. We highly recommend walking to school if possible, or making use of the par and stride from Begbrook Social Club.

Parent/Carer Creative Group

As restrictions begin to ease, we would like to introduce our new **Parent/Carer Creative Group**. It's a perfect opportunity for parents/carers to meet and learn new skills in a warm, friendly environment. We would love to hear from parents who have a creative skill or passion they would like to share with us. This could be anything from gardening, yoga, cooking, dry flower making, painting... the list is endless! You will only need to volunteer for one session but can do more. There will also be opportunities to make class resources and to participate in designing and producing resources for special school events like Begfest and Eid fest.

The group will meet every Tuesday 9:15 to 10:30 from 21st September. We look forward to seeing some familiar faces and those who are new to our school. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided. Please contact Shahda Aslam for further information.

Free Online Parenting Course

Please see the attached flyer for more information about some Positive Parenting Courses. These are free, online courses designed to support in building your child's self-esteem, promoting positive behaviour, managing challenging behaviour and developing effective communication. Courses start on the 16th and 17th September and there are spaces available for both daytime and evening sessions.

Safeguarding at Begbrook

Starting from September, Miss Sian Adams (Assistant Principal) has taken over the role as our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). She is supported by a team of Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (Mr Munro, Mrs Hine, Mr England and Miss Sutton). If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Miss Adams.

Attendance

As you know, at Begbrook we ask just **ONE BIG THING** – for children to be in school every day that they are able to.

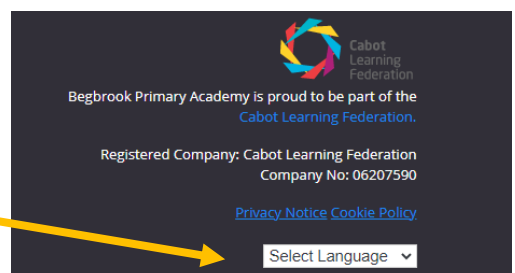
All children should arrive at school between 8:45-9:00am. At 9:00am, the gates will be closed and children arriving after that time will need to be dropped off at the Late Door, which can be accessed around the corner of the Main Reception.

If you have concerns or questions regarding attendance, please contact Zoe Sutton (family support worker and attendance lead) or a member of the Principal Team. Thank you for your support with this.

Translate button on Website

Please remember, we have a translate button on our school website, which includes all the languages spoken in our school.

The button is right at the bottom of the homepage. We are always looking for ways to further develop our inclusivity so we hope lots of you find this helpful.





Diary
Dates



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

| DATE | EVENT |
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| Thursday 16 th September | 4NL and Y6 swimming sessions start |
| Wednesday 22 nd September | Academy Review Visit by CLF Executive Team |
| Friday 8 th October | Nasal Flu Immunisations |
| Wednesday 20 th October | Individual School Photos (note - this is the last day of term for children) |
| Thursday 21 st October | INSET day – CLF Autumn Conference day for all staff |
| Friday 22 nd October | INSET day – training at Begbrook |

Term Dates 2021-22

Term 1: Thurs 2nd Sept – Fri 22nd Oct
Term 2: Mon 1st Nov – Fri 17th Dec
Term 3: Tues 4th Jan – Fri 18th Feb
Term 4: Mon 28th Feb – Fri 8th Apr
Term 5: Mon 25th Apr – Fri 27th May
Term 6: Mon 6th Jun – Fri 22nd Jul

INSET Days 2021-22

Thurs 21st October
Fri 22nd October
Tues 4th January
Wed 16th March
Friday 8th July
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