Belgrave St. Bartholomew's Academy

November/December 2018 Newsletter

Christmas is almost upon us and we are busy with our school preparations!

ZERO Tolerance – You will have received a letter from me outlining our position on abusive and threatening behaviour towards staff. Every individual has the right to come to school and feel safe. We work tirelessly on this with our children and it is also the right of all staff. Just to reiterate the viewpoint of the school – Anyone found to be abusive either verbally and/ or physically, including making threats, will be banned from the premises **IMMEDIATLEY** and the police will be contacted. We are always happy to deal with any concerns that you may have but this must be done in a calm and controlled manner. I appreciate your understanding in this matter and the need for me to protect the children, staff and parents against such behaviour.

National School Breakfast Programme – The breakfast programme is well under way and it is great to see an increasing number of children joining us for breakfast. Breakfast club is open from 8:15am and children can choose from a range of cereals, toast, bagels and drinks. All we ask for is a small donation in the donation bucket, which is on the shelf in the main reception. All donations go towards helping staff with this wonderful provision for the children. Thank you. Don't worry if you don't have time to come to breakfast club, breakfast bagels are available to ALL children, free of charge! We make these available to all children on the school playground as they come in to school in the morning.

C.H.E.R.I.S.H Values - We have finished introducing the new CHERISH values to the children and are working hard to recognise them in every day school life. Some of you will have seen the certificates being awarded for demonstrating these in school. We would love to hear about anything your child does at home to demonstrate these values too – after all, they are values for life, not just for school! Don't forget to pop into the main Reception area to see our beautiful display of the school values.

C – Creativity H – Humanity E – Enthusiasm R – Respect I – Integrity S – Spirituality H – Hard Work

St. Bartholomew's Church - Just a reminder that you are invited to join us at the Christmas Carols Service on Sunday 16th December at 6:30pm at St. Bartholomew's Church. Our school choir will be performing and members of the school family will be involved in different parts of the service. All are welcome to join us for refreshments after. We would love to see you there!

Applications for Nursery and Reception 2019

Applications for Reception places to start in September 2019 are now open. Applications for Nursery 2019 opened on the 1st December. The link to the online application is – http://www.stoke.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/education/admissions/. The deadline for both applications is January but please don't miss the deadline.

Parents Evening - Thank you to all families who attended parents evening. We hope you found it useful and enjoyed the opportunity to hear about how your child is doing in school. If you have any feedback for us on how you think it went, please do let us know.

Attendance - Thank you to all families who are ensuring their children are in school every single day. We appreciate your support and are continuing to do all we can to raise the whole school attendance rates. We are finding that a lot of medical and dental appointments are still being made in school time – please do not arrange appointments in school time UNLESS IT IS AN EMERGENCY APPOINTMENT. Our work on attendance alongside the Educational Welfare Officer continues and we will keep moving forward with our attendance policy. This can be found on the school website. Could I also make it clear that absence from school is absence – whether it is authorised or unauthorised, absence will still impact on your child's attendance figure.

Children in Need – Thank you to everyone who gave donations to support our fundraising for Children in Need. We managed to raise a fantastic £378.00! Fundraising for charity is an important part of the values we uphold in school and we appreciate you supporting us in this.

Uniform – If you are having difficulty with any aspect of school uniform (either every day or PE uniform) please let us know. We will always help where we can and it is important that we know if there are any reasons why children are not coming to school in their uniform.

Interested in becoming a Teacher? – Pop along to the next Schools Direct meeting to find out more. The meeting will be held at *St Michael's Community Academy, Crewe on 14th January, 6-7pm.*

Prayer Corner - A prayer to give thanks;

Dear Lord, thank you for showing us the way when times are hard. Thank you for reminding us that we are not alone and that you are always there for us. We are sorry if we do not always behave in the right way. Help us to be there for each other and to be grateful for our families and friends.

We ask this Lord in your name, Amen.

Dates for your diary

Monday 3rd December	N1 Trip to Amerton Farm
Tuesday 4th December	N2 Trip to Amerton Farm Autumn Outcome Afternoon
Thursday 6th December	Book Fair arrives in school
Tuesday 11th December	J1 trip to Chester Zoo
Wednesday 12th December	KS1 Christmas Concert *'Tinsel & Tea towels'* 2pm Last day of the book fair
Thursday 13th December	KS1 Christmas Concert *'Tinsel & Tea towels'* 9am
Friday 14th December	J2 Trip to Chester Zoo
Tuesday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 21st December	Christmas Service – ALL WELCOME -9am – School Hall School Closes for Christmas Holidays 3pm