



Belgrave St. Bartholomew's Academy

February/March 2019 Newsletter



I hope you all had a lovely half term with your families and friends. We are certainly enjoying this warm weather and hope it continues – fingers crossed!

Dinner money - There is still a considerable amount of debt against school money again and too many parents are having to be chased for money owed. If you are having difficulty paying off school debts, please come and speak to us and we can help set up a payment plan. Please be aware that we are asking that children are sent to school with sandwiches until dinner arrears are cleared.

Parents Evening - Spring term parents evening will be on Monday 25th March and appointment letters have been sent out this week. Please make every effort to attend to discuss your child's progress and have the opportunity to ask the teachers any questions. We always enjoy seeing you to discuss your wonderful children.

Parking – I must remind you please that the staff car park is for staff use and not for parents. The staff in school are being subjected to verbal abuse from parents when challenged about this and it is unacceptable. Please do not use the staff carpark, even for dropping off. As always, the Florence Sports & Social Club is open every day for parents to use and to walk down from.

Y6 SATs – There is not long left until the annual statutory Y6 SATs assessments. SATs will commence for all Y6 students in England on Monday 13th May. Please encourage your child to attend boosters and to eat and sleep well during the build up to these. We are working hard in school on pupil mental health and wellbeing to prevent any unnecessary stress or pressure building up for the children. If you would like to talk to anyone about this, please do not hesitate to speak to or make contact with a member of the Y6 team.

Attendance – Our attendance battle continues! I am very happy to report that as of February half term, our attendance figures were up on last year and sat above National expectations. The hard work of the staff regarding attendance was recognised by the Chief Executive Officer of the Trust during a recent effectiveness visit and he would like to publicly thank and congratulate all families and staff who are working together to make this possible. As always, please follow the attendance policy and make requests for leave under exceptional circumstances via the request forms available from the office. I do need to remind you that the completion of these forms does not necessarily result in absence being authorised. It is dependent on a number of factors, your child's current attendance being one of them. Please come and see us if you are unsure of what this means for you.

World Book Day – A reminder that on Thursday 7th March 2019 we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children and staff are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. This could be anything from a homemade BFG mask to a pirate from Treasure Island. Costumes can be as extravagant or as simple as you like. Our staff have lots of ideas if you want to pick their brains. We always look forward to seeing the children dressed up!



CHERISH Values – I am really happy to say that the children continue to do a wonderful job of upholding the school CHERISH values for Creativity, Honesty, Enthusiasm, Respect, Integrity, Spirituality and Hard work. They make us very proud each and every day!

Comic Relief – This terms fundraiser event will be held on Friday 15th March and will be to raise money for Comic Relief. Children are invited to come to school dressed in red with a £1 donation for the cause. Since its launch in 1988, Red Nose Day has become something of a British institution. It's the day, every two years, when people across the land can get together and raise money at home, school and work. There's a fantastic night of TV on the BBC, with comedy and entertainment to inspire the nation to give generously. Comic Relief spends the money raised by Red Nose Day to help people living tough lives across the UK and internationally. If you would like to find out more, go to <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday>



Local Elections – School will be **closed on Thursday 2nd May** due to being used as a polling station for the local elections. Due to the number of people expected to turn up for voting, it will not be possible to keep the school open for children

and to ensure their safety as the gates and doors will be open for the day. For parents of children in Y6 ONLY – a separate letter is attached to this newsletter detailing additional English and maths lessons.

Diary dates – Please see the list below of as many dates as we currently have for events between now and the end of the year. We are trying to give parents as much notice as possible so that as many of you can attend events or prepare for them. I hope you find it useful.

Communication – As always, communication is very important to us. If we are doing something great, please tell us. Likewise, if you think there is something we can improve on, please tell us this too. Your opinions and concerns are very important to us and you are warmly encouraged to speak to us and let us know.



Prayer Corner - A prayer for our families;

We thank you, God, that everyone you love belongs to your family. You are our father, we are your children. Thank you, God, for the worldwide family of your people. Please keep us all safe and help us to show care and kindness to everyone.

We ask this Lord in your name, Amen.

Dates for your diary

Monday 4 th March	E-Safety Workshop for parents
Monday 4 th March	Rec-R1 Coombes Valley trip
Tuesday 5 th March	KS2 (Y3-Y6) Treasure Island Performance - PM
Tuesday 5 th March	Rec-R2 Coombes Valley Trip
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – Please come dressed as your favourite book character.
Monday 11 th March	Yr5-J5 Ford Green Hall Trip
Tuesday 12 th March	Yr5-J6 Ford Green Hall Trip
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day – Comic Relief – Wear Red and Bring a £1
Monday 18 th March	Yr2-I3 Twycross Zoo Trip
Tuesday 19 th March	Yr2-I4 Twycross Zoo Trip
Thursday 21 st March	Tempest Class Photographs – full school uniform please
Monday 25 th March	Parents Evening
Tuesday 26 th March	Yr3-J1 Chester Museum Trip
Wednesday 27 th March	Mother’s Day Assembly – Nursery, Reception & KS1
Friday 29 th March	Yr3-J2 Chester Museum Trip
Tuesday 2 nd April	Spring Outcome Afternoon – PM – Parent’s welcome
Tuesday 2 nd April	Yr1-I2 Conkers Trip
Monday 8 th April	Entries for Easter Egg Decorating Competition to be in
Tuesday 9 th April	Yr1-I1 Conkers Trip
Thursday 11 th April	KS1 and Foundation Stage Easter Bonnet Parade 1:30pm
Friday 12 th April	Easter Service 9am School closes for Easter Holidays
Monday 29 th April	School opens
Coming soon...	
Thursday 2 nd May	Voting Day – School closed for pupils
Monday 6 th May	May Day – School closed
w/c 13 th May	Y6 SATS week
Tuesday 14 th May	Nursery-N1 Uttoxeter Trip
Friday 17 th May	Nursery-N2 Uttoxeter Trip
Tuesday 21 st May	Happy Shoesday Fundraiser- Please bring a £1
w/c 10 th June	Phonics Screening week
Tuesday 11 th June	Early Years Foundation Stage Induction morning
Thursday 20 th June	Foundation Stage and KS1 Sports Day
Friday 21 st June	KS2 Sports Day
Monday 24 th June	Reception-R1 Zoo Trip

Tuesday 25 th June	Reception-R2 Zoo Trip
Monday 1 st – Wednesday 3 rd July	Y6 Residential – Acorn Adventure
Thursday 4 th July	Summer Fayre 3-5pm
Wednesday 10 th July	Y6 Show (evening performance)
Thursday 11 th July	Y6 Show (morning performance)
Friday 12 th July	Y6 Prom - PM
Friday 19 th July	School closes for Summer Holidays