



**Belgrave St Bartholomew's Academy**

**February Newsletter 2014**

**School Open Morning – Record attendance**

Thank you to all parents and grandparents who attended the school Open Morning. We hope you enjoyed seeing some of the lessons and work your children do in school. We had 128 parents attend the Open Morning and received positive feedback about the session. This is the most parents that we have had into school for an open morning so thank you once again for all your support and interest.

**Shadow Education Secretary Dr the Hon Tristram Hunt MP visit to Belgrave**

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February, the Shadow Education Secretary Tristram Hunt visited Belgrave to look at the work we do within school and within the Teaching School Alliance. He had a tour of the school, saw the children at work and at play and then met with the Senior Leadership team to discuss a number of education issues. He was impressed with the school.

**Dance 014 Show at the Regent Theatre**

On Wednesday a group of Year 6 children will be performing in the Dance 014 showcase at the Regent Theatre. This year's theme is Remembrance and our children are performing a World War 2 medley. A big Thank you to Mrs Wood and all the staff for all the hard work that has gone into preparing for this.

**Wear it with Pride Day**

The school raised £425 to support the Stanley Matthew Foundation. Thank you for all your donations.

**Robbie Day**

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, we will be helping to celebrate Robbie William's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Children are welcome to come to school dressed as a pop star. We are not charging for this but if you can send in any donations then we will be giving these to the Donna Louise Children's Hospice.

## **Free School Meals**

Your child may be entitled to Free School Meals - this is dealt with in a discreet way in school so that other children are not aware of any child's circumstances.

Healthy school meals are a good way to ensure that children eat well at lunchtime. By claiming the free school meal allowance Parents/Carers save themselves time and money. Moreover, the more eligible parents who claim the free school meals, the more funding the School receives to support the education of our students. This is a significant element of our funding and makes a big difference to what we can provide.

Free school meals can be claimed for children if their Parent/Carer receives any of the following:

- \* Income Support
- \* Income based Jobseekers allowance
- \* Income Related Only Employment and Support Allowance
- \* Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16 190. Anyone receiving Working Child Tax Credit, regardless of income, will NOT qualify
- \* The "Guarantee" element of State Pension Credit
- \* Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

## **Lateness**



We are noticing an increasing number of children coming into school late each morning. We open the doors at 8.30 and all children need to be in school by 8.40. The children start their lessons straight away so if they are late then they are missing important learning opportunities. We will be monitoring this over the coming weeks. Please work with us to ensure your children are in school on time.

## **DATES FOR DIARY**

Robbie Day – Dress as a popstar on Thursday 13<sup>TH</sup> February.

Half Term - School Closes for pupils on Thursday 13th February at normal time and re-opens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

**Parents Evening (school closes at 2 pm) Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

Easter Holidays – School Closes for pupils on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at normal time and re-opens on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April.