



Belgrave St Bartholomew's Academy

November/December Newsletter 2013

Good News

- We had a good turn out at our Autumn term parents evening – 404 parental interviews took place, making a percentage turnout of 84%. We value the opportunity to speak to you about your child's progress in school and hope that you found your appointment useful and informative
- Children in Need – The children (and staff!) enjoyed the pyjama day that we held to raise money for Children in Need. Through this and selling the wristbands we raised £704 – an amazing achievement. Thank you for your support.

Nursery Intake 2014-2015.

As you may be aware, Stoke on Trent City Council have reduced the funding for Nursery provision to 15 hours from 2014. The governors of Belgrave St Bartholomew's Academy have made the decision to maintain full time provision (same hours as is currently provided) for the academic year 2014-2015. This will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Applications for a Nursery place

The application website is now open for Nursery application for children who will be aged 3 by/on the 31st August 2014 -

https://www.admissions.stoke.gov.uk/ccsenterprise_admissionsonline_live

Parents need to apply by 31st December 2013.

Applications for a Reception place

Parents are also reminded that applications for a place in Reception need to be completed online at www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions and submitted by 15th January 2014. It is extremely important that you apply for a place before the closing date as late applications will not be considered within the same timeframe.

Winter weather warning

Please see attached information regarding the policy and procedures during bad weather. Please look at the map showing the routes to and from school which will be gritted. It is important that both parents and children stay within these areas for their own safety.

Advanced Notice

We will be having a school open morning on Thursday 30th January from 8.45 to 11 o'clock when you can come along and sit in on your children's lessons.

Parking and Road Safety

There are still a number of parents who do not drive and park safely around school. I regularly receive complaints from other parents who are concerned about the inconsiderate and dangerous behaviour of a few of our parents. The majority of parents act responsibly and consider the safety of the children. Parents that are dropping children off at school should ideally park on the New Florence Car Park. Rules are there to be followed, not ignored and actions speak louder than words. Thank you to the vast majority of parents who keep our children safe. We will continue to monitor this and are in regular contact with the police and traffic enforcement agency.

DIARY DATES

Key Stage 1 Concerts – Tuesday 10th December at 1.45 pm
Wednesday 11th December at 9.15 am

School Christmas Dinner – Friday 13th December

Reception Concert – Monday 16th December at 9.15 am

Nursery Concert – Tuesday 17th December at 9.15 am

Christmas Parties – All class parties will be held on Thursday 19th December. Can all children please bring their party clothes and party food into school on the day in a carrier bag.

Christmas Service in School at 9 o'clock on Friday 20th December

School closes at normal time on Friday 20th December and reopens on Monday 6th January 2014