



Belgrave St Bartholomew's Academy

November/December Newsletter 2014

Good News

- We had a very good turn out at our Autumn term parents evening – 445 parental interviews took place, making a percentage turnout of 92%. 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 –We raised £400 through selling Children in Need badges and the cake stall. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Jumper day/School Christmas Dinner



We will be supporting the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 12th December (the same day as the school Christmas dinner). Please could children bring a pound to school and come to school in their Christmas jumpers. It should make our Christmas school dinner extra special. There will be a separate letter for any children who normally have a packed lunch who want to have a Christmas dinner (Christmas crackers included.)

Nursery Intake 2015-2016.

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 2015-2016. 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 2015 -

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

Parents need to apply by 31st January 2015.

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 2015. 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

Would parents please note that school will be open unless information is reported on the radio or on Stoke's website/our website saying we are closed -

<http://www.stokeschoolclosures.org.uk>

<http://www.belgraveacademy.org.uk>

Please listen to BBC Radio Stoke or Signal 1 during severe weather to find out if our school is closed. Do not assume that if another local school is closed we will be. Please do not ring the school to check as these calls block the lines. Unless you hear we are closed on the radio or see it on the website please send your child to school as we will definitely be open. We will treat all main routes in the school grounds to the building entrances whenever there is inclement weather so far as is reasonably practical. Please take extra care to move around the site safely during these bad weather periods.

Parking and Road Safety

Despite numerous reminders in newsletters and in person, 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. **As a result we will be locking the school entrance on the Greenway over the next few days – this will mean that all parents will have to use the Sussex Place entrance in an attempt to stop the dangerous parking. I apologise in advance to those parents that do follow the rules but hope that you will be supportive of this attempt to address the issue of inconsiderate drivers.**

DIARY DATES

Key Stage 1 Concerts – Tuesday 9th December at 1.45 pm

Wednesday 10th December at 9.15 am

School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 12th December

Reception Concert – Tuesday 16th December at 9.15 am

Nursery Concert – Wednesday 17th December at 9.15 am

Christmas Parties – All class parties will be held on Thursday 18th 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 19th December

School closes at normal time on Friday 19th December and reopens on Monday 5th January 2015