



**Belgrave St Bartholomew's Academy**

**January Newsletter 2017**



**Happy New Year** to all our school community from everyone at Belgrave St. Bartholomew's Academy. The staff would like to say a big Thank you for all the lovely Christmas cards and gifts that they received.

#### **Learning Outcomes Afternoon, Infant Concerts and Choir Events**

Thank you to all parents that attended our open afternoons at the end of last term to look at the topic work the children had been doing. It was amazing to see all the exciting and interesting activities that the children and parents were engaged in. Thank you also to all the parents and family and friends who supported our Christmas concerts. It was lovely to see the pride and confidence the children showed in their performances.

#### **Attendance**

Good attendance really does make a difference to children's learning – for every 1% improvement in attendance, there is an improvement in attainment of 5-6%. DfES research shows that 17 missed school days per year is equal to a GCSE drop in achievement.

#### **Admissions Policy**

In December's newsletter we attached the latest Admissions Policy and asked for any comments for amendment of this policy. The policy is also available on the website. This policy will be for 2017/2018 which will cover the 2018/2019 intake. Please feel free to contact the office if you have any comments to make on the policy by January 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **PARKING**

Parking continues to be a challenge at both entrances to the school. Please can all parents park responsibly around school for the safety of all the children. We are continuing to work with the council and they have agreed for the CCTV council car, the PCSO and traffic wardens to regularly monitor the parking. Please take a look at the link below to see why parking responsibly is so important.

<http://www.stoke.gov.uk/ccm/content/transport-and-streets/parking/parking-and-charges-folder/safer-schools.en>

#### **DATES FOR DIARY**

Half Term - School Closes for pupils on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February at normal time and re-opens on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February

**Parents Evening (school closes at 2 pm) Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**

Easter Holidays – School Closes for pupils on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April at normal time and re-opens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.