



Belgrave St Bartholomew's Academy

November/December Newsletter 2015

Good News

- We had a good turn out at our Autumn term parents evening – 435 parental interviews took place, making a percentage turnout of 90%. 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
- Charity donations. Children in Need – We raised £358 through selling Children in Need badges and the cake stall. National Children's Bureau – We raised £425 through our non uniform 'blue' day. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Jumper day/School Christmas Dinner



We will be supporting the Text Santa Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 10th 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 2016-2017

As you may be aware, Stoke on Trent City Council reduced the funding for Nursery provision to 15 hours in 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 2016-2017. This will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Applications for a Nursery place

The application website is now open for Nursery applications for children who will be aged 3 by/on the 31st August 2016 -

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

Parents need to apply by 31st January 2016.

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 2016. 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.

DIARY DATES

Key Stage 1 Concerts – Wednesday 9th December at 1.45 pm
Thursday 10th December at 9.15 am

Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner – Thursday 10th December

Nursery Concert – Monday 14th December pm

Reception Concert – Tuesday 15th December at 9.15 am

Christmas Parties – Wednesday 16th December

3Js Christmas Performance – Thursday 17th December at 2pm

Christmas Service in School at 9 o'clock on Friday 18th December

School closes at normal time on Friday 18th December and reopens on Monday 4th January 2016