



## **Belgrave St Bartholomew's Academy**

## **July Newsletter 2015**

### **New staff**

The children have been taking part in transition activities in their new classes and will be spending all this week with their new teachers. We have appointed an additional teacher in year 4 and Miss Bateman will be teaching J4. Miss McCann will still be working in year 4 and will be working in both J3 and J4. This is part of the school's strategy to employ 3 teachers in years 4,5 and 6. Year 6 will be taught by Mr Barlow, Mrs Johns and Mrs Whitmore. Year 5 by Miss Coggan, Miss Kendrick and Miss Thomas. Year 4 by Miss Bateman, Miss McCann and Mr Steele. Mrs Smith will also be working in Key Stage 2 supporting our newly qualified teachers and working with targeted groups of children.

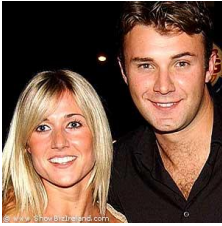
### **Staff who are leaving.**

In the last newsletter I informed you that Miss Cerioni, Miss Jones and Miss Linton would be leaving us. I would like to clarify that this is Miss Katie Jones who has worked in year 4 this year not Miss Anna Jones who is Foundation Stage Leader. Miss Anna Jones will be the teacher in charge of Nursery next year. Miss Sarah Jones, our drama specialist, care club worker and mid day supervisor will be leaving us at the end of term to pursue her performing arts dream. Mr Mansell will be retiring from his position as Janitor at the end of term. I would like to thank them both for all their hard work and support and wish them both luck and success for the future. Mr Collier is changing his role at Belgrave from September. He is still going to be working here but will be working full time for the Teaching school from September in his role as Deputy Director and CPD lead. I would like to thank Mr Collier for all his work, help and support during his time as vice-principal and take comfort in the fact that he is still in the building to offer advice and support. Mrs Deaville has been promoted to vice-principal and I wish her every success in her new role.

### **Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Eid**

I am aware that Eid may fall on the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> July (hopefully the 18<sup>th</sup>.) I have spoken to all the Year 6 children today regarding what will happen if Eid falls on the last day of term. All of the children have said that they want to come to school to celebrate their last day at Belgrave and we want to make this a special day for them all, as in previous years. I hope parents will support the children's choice so that if Eid does fall on the Friday we can still celebrate with every one of our Year 6 pupils.

## Prize Day



Jonathan and Nikki Wilkes will hopefully be visiting school next Tuesday to present the awards at our Prize Day Assembly. Jonathan is a West End star, soccer aid founder and player and presented you've been framed and other prime time TV shows. Nikki is a dancer and choreographer who has worked with Westlife, Girls Aloud and Robbie Williams.

## Attendance Holidays during term time

During this academic year we have lost **1011 teaching days (5055 lessons!) due to 98 children** being taken out of school for term time holidays. This is unacceptable and a serious concern for the school and could mean that the school could fail an OFSTED inspection based on the attendance factor alone. We want to work with our families and are seeking to be able to authorize up to 5 days holiday in exceptional circumstances. **If more than 5 days are taken then we will be taking steps to fine parents and it may mean that the children lose their place here at Belgrave.** This is the biggest issue the school faces and we can only deal with this by asking for your support and help. I will be meeting with every family that wishes to book a holiday to ask them to explain why it is necessary and for them to understand that this could be jeopardising the success of the school.

## Thank you

I would like to say a huge thank you to all members of our school community for the help, support and hard work that has gone into this academic year. Thank you to all children. They are amazing and make our jobs so enjoyable. Thank you to all the parents who have helped us and offered kind words of support. Thank you to all the staff and governors for their hard work and support this year. Everyone works hard to ensure that we do the best we can for the children and to ensure that we give the children the best education and curriculum that we can.

## **Parents Evening – School Closes at 2 pm**

You will receive your child's report on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July and to celebrate their achievements school will be open on the evening of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 2.30 to 4.30 and 5.30 to 7 pm to view your child's work and to discuss your child's progress and attainment with the class teacher.

**School closes at 2 pm on Friday 17th July for the Summer Holidays.**

**School opens for pupils on Wednesday 9th September 2015.**