



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear parents

Welcome back. I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday. A warm welcome to all the new families that have started with us. I hope all of our children will be very happy at Belgrave St Bartholomew's Academy and that your child will succeed to the very best of his/her ability here with us.

We are also delighted to welcome –

- Miss Burrows, Miss Carr and Miss Linton who are embarking on their teaching careers with us.
- Mr Steele who will be working as a teaching assistant and sports coach.

We have had a great first couple of days in school – children well behaved, looking very smart, and working well in their lessons. Thank you for sending your children back to school looking so smart in their school uniforms, they are a real credit to you and our school. May I remind you that trainers are not allowed to be worn in school, only school shoes and no hair styles with shaved patterns or lines are acceptable.

A message from Mr Brislen

I am writing to make parents aware that the Belgrave St Bartholomew's Trust, which runs Belgrave St Bartholomew's Academy is expanding and will incorporate 3 new schools by January 2014. The schools are, Cranberry in Alsager, Oakefield in Crewe and John Baskeyfield in Burslem. As the Trust will have a legal responsibility for managing these schools it has appointed Mr Brislen as its Chief Executive Officer to oversee the conversion and to lead across the Trust from 1st September. As a result of this promotion, Mrs Sarikaya has been appointed as Principal of Belgrave and will lead the school forward into its next phase. I am sure you will wish to join with me in wishing her every continued success.

School Priorities and Developments

We are very excited by the plans and opportunities for this coming year. These include:-

- **Curriculum** - We are planning an exciting and memorable curriculum which will provide a wide range of experiences for the children. We will continue to start our topics with a WOW day and then have a Learning Outcome at the end of the term to which parents are invited to attend.
- **Reading** – We will continue to focus on reading this year. We are introducing the BIG READ and your children may come home talking about a range of new characters which are helping them with their learning including Rex the Retriever, Expi Explorer, Ansa Analyser and Dood Detective.

- **Forest Schools and our Allotment**– Mr Greenhalgh is now trained to deliver Forest Schools so each year group will now have 3 afternoons exploring the local area undertaking Forest Schools activities and also 3 afternoons over at the allotment.
- **Performing Arts** – the children will continue to work with the 3Js (Mr Collier, Mrs Harrop and Mrs Wood) to develop and perform a show case for parents. Key Stage 1 will work towards a Christmas performance, Lower Key Stage 2 towards a Spring concert and Upper Key Stage 2 towards a Summer concert.
- **After School Clubs** – We are planning to offer a wider range of clubs again this year. This will take the format of a range of clubs being offered to the children on one night a week (Tuesday/Thursday– Key Stage Two Clubs, Wednesday – Key Stage One clubs) Specialist clubs, team practices and paid clubs will be offered on other nights of the week.
- **Foundation Stage** – The Foundation Stage children and staff are all enjoying the new Foundation Stage outdoor play area. The other one had been there for 10 years and with 120 children a day using it, was in need of a complete replacement.
- **New building** – you may have noticed we have had a second new building built on the infant playground. The Hub will be used as the training suite for the Teaching School Alliance. We are the lead school for School Direct and will have 27 trainee teachers attending training at the hub. We are also delivering a range of courses for local teachers. Floella Benjamin will be at school on the 23rd September to launch our Newly Qualified Teacher Conference and to officially open the Hub.

We are really excited about these plans and opportunities and hope you think that we will be offering your children a wide range of opportunities over the coming year.

Attendance

Attendance is still a key school priority this year. Children should be encouraged to attend school every day unless there is a genuine reason for them to remain at home. If your child is not well enough to attend school please phone the office to inform of this by 10 am. 90% in exams is great but 90% attendance is the equivalent to half a day a week absence. Holidays can not be authorised in school time anymore unless under exceptional circumstances so please work with us by avoiding booking holidays in term time .

Dinner Money

Dinner money is £2.10 per day, £10.50 per week. Please help us by ensuring that dinner money is paid on a Monday in a named envelope or purse. Dinner money should be handed to the class teacher and not paid at the office.

Fruit

The Governors have made the decision to continue to buy fruit for the whole of the school so Key Stage 2 children will continue to have daily fruit.

Physical Education

All children have two PE lessons each week and they need to keep PE kit in school. As PE and sport is a school priority we will be paying close attention to ensure that children are wearing the correct kit. The uniform choices are listed below.

P.E. Kit -

Shorts / Skirts	Black/Navy Blue
T-shirt/Polo shirt	White
Sweatshirt	Black/Navy
Track suit	Black/Navy Blue
Footwear: Indoors:	Pumps (Black) / Outdoors: Trainers

Health and Safety

NO children should be on the playground before 8.20am in the morning and after that time they should always be accompanied by a responsible adult. Please keep the children off the play equipment before and after school.

ABC Club

We have spaces available at our before and after school club. The club runs from 7.30 until 8.30 in the morning and from 3 pm until 5.30 in the evening. The cost of this is £4 for a morning session, £7 for the afternoon session. There is a discount for more than one child from the same family attending. If parents want to use both sessions for the whole week, the cost is £50.

Harvest

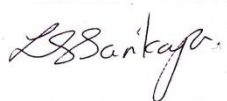
We will be holding our Harvest Assembly in school on Friday 4th October at 9 am. A separate letter will be sent out regarding this.

Holiday Dates

The holiday list for 2013-2014 is attached.

I look forward to your continued support throughout this new academic year and hope that we can continue to develop positive home-school links.

Yours sincerely,



Lisa Sarikaya
Prinicpal