



## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear parents

I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday. Welcome back to all children and parents and 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 have had a great first couple of days in school – children well behaved, looking very smart, and working well in their lessons. We are really pleased with the work on the playground and the children were all very excited to see the new football pitch and trim trail.

### **Assertive Mentoring**

We are introducing a new system throughout school called Assertive Mentoring for assessing and ensuring that we teach our children exactly what they need to help them reach their full potential. Each child in school will have their own 'Pupil File' and in this will be a record of their progress and this will be shared with parents during parent's evenings. The children will be working towards very specific goals and targets and may come home talking about what 'stage' they are and what colour they are trying to achieve. The staff are very excited to be using the system and we can't wait to see how the children respond to it. There will be a launch event for parents where the programme will be explained in more detail. Details of this will be sent home via your child.

### **Applications for Nursery and Reception 2015**

I know we have only just returned to school for this academic year but applications for Nursery and Reception places to start in September 2015 will open on 8<sup>th</sup> September. The link to the online application is –

<http://www.stoke.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/education/admissions/>

We will be sending out a letter and supporting faith form shortly. The deadline for both applications is January but please don't miss the deadline.

### **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 us 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**

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are now entitled to a free school meal. You do not need to do anything for your children to access this. The price for Nursery meals is £1.80 per day - £9.00 per week. The price for Key Stage 2 meals (year 3, 4, 5 and 6) is £2.15 per day - £10.75 per week. Please send the money into school in a named purse or envelope on a Monday morning. This should be paid to your child's teacher and not at the school office.

## **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.

## **Uniform**

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. As the weather starts to get colder, ankle boots can be worn but no knee high boots. We would ask that the children do wear the school jumper/cardigan and polo shirt with the logo on as this is part of the school identity.

<b>Fleece, Sweatshirts &amp; Cardigans</b>	<b>Burgundy with school logo on</b>
<b>Polo Shirts</b>	<b>Gold with the Belgrave logo on</b>
<b>Skirts &amp; Pinafore Dresses</b>	<b>Black or Charcoal (Dark) Grey</b>
<b>Shalwar &amp; Kameez</b>	<b>Burgundy or Black / Charcoal (Dark) Grey</b>
<b>Trousers &amp; Shorts</b>	<b>Black or Charcoal (Dark) Grey</b>
<b>Summer Dresses</b>	<b>Gold</b>
<b>Socks &amp; Tights</b>	<b>White / Grey / Black</b>
<b>Shoes</b>	<b><u>Black only. Shoes only – no trainers or knee high boots</u></b>

<b>P.E. Kit -</b>	<b>Shorts / Skirts</b>	<b>Black/Navy Blue</b>
	<b>T-shirt/Polo shirt</b>	<b>White</b>
	<b>Sweatshirt</b>	<b>Black/Navy Blue</b>
	<b>Track suit</b>	<b>Black/Navy Blue</b>
	<b>Footwear: Indoors:</b>	<b>Pumps (Black) / Outdoors: Trainers</b>

## **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 10<sup>th</sup> October at 9 am. A separate letter will be sent out regarding this.



Stoke-on-Trent City Council, working alongside partners and voluntary, community and faith groups, wants to hear residents' views and ideas that will help to shape the future of our city. We are doing this through a series of events being held across the city over the coming weeks, which will be an opportunity for businesses and residents to ask questions, give ideas and help to inform the priorities across the city and in their local area for the years ahead.

The events are at:

St Peter's Academy – Tuesday 9 September 7-9pm

Ormiston Horizon Academy – Thursday 11 September 7-9pm

Co-operative Academy – Monday 15 September 7-9pm

Ormiston Stanley Matthews Academy – Tuesday 16 September 7-9pm

Discovery Academy - Wednesday 17 September 7-9pm

## Holiday Dates

The holiday list for 2014-2015 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lisa Sarikaya'.

Lisa Sarikaya  
Principal