



Belgrave St Bartholomew's Academy

January Newsletter 2015

**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 afternoon 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.

Wear it with Pride Day

On Friday 30th January 2015 we will be supporting the Sir Stanley Matthews Foundation Wear it with Pride Day. Children can come to school on the day wearing their favourite football shirt (or non uniform clothes if they prefer.) There will a charge of £1 per child and every child that pays a £1 will receive a special badge from the Stanley Matthew Foundation. The Foundation raises money to encourage young people to achieve through sport and funds a number of coaching schemes in the local area.

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.

PARKING

We hope the traffic warden presence has been having a positive impact on parking around school. The council will be sending out the enforcement car to the school regularly over the coming weeks. Please take a look at the links 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>

and the youtube link is here:

<http://youtu.be/ExYHht0Yg14>

DATES FOR DIARY

Wear it with Pride non uniform day - Friday 30th January

Half Term - School Closes for pupils on Friday 13th February at normal time and re-opens on Monday 23rd February

Parents Evening (school closes at 2 pm) Monday 30th March 2015

Easter Holidays – School Closes for pupils on Thursday 2nd April 2015 at normal time and re-opens on Monday 20th April.

