

Begbrook News

Our school... A place for everyone

Welcome back to the start of a new school year! We have lots of exciting plans for the year ahead and we are looking forward to seeing the children grow and develop in their learning.

The start of term has been busy, as always. Our Reception children are settling into school life incredibly well and have been on a tour of the school to help them really get to know their surroundings. In Y1 this week, the children found lots of cooking equipment in their classroom and all the ingredients to make a biscuit bear. They've enjoyed reading the story book all about biscuit bear. Y2 children have been reading the story about Begu and being creative in their thinking of ways to get him home. In Y3, the classes have been artists for the last week. Using inspiration from Austin's butterfly (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqh1MRWZjms>), they have focussed on redrafting and critiquing to develop their final piece of art which was showcased in a gallery yesterday. It was great to share learning with parents so early on in the school year. Children in Y4 have started reading the BFG as part of their whole class reading which lead up to some diary writing. Our Y5 classes are reading a book called "You are awesome", which is all about having a growth mind set and working hard towards a goal. Year 6 have been learning all about neuroscience and how the brain works. They've been using this knowledge to help them understand how they feel and react in different situations. It really has been a very positive, exciting start to school.

So for now we would like to thank you all for an enthusiastic start to the school year. We are always looking for ways to improve our school so if you want to offer your suggestions, please contact a member of the Principal Team (we can be found on the gates in the morning and after school), email us or come along to a Parent Forum (starting soon).

Mr Munro, Mrs Shaw and Mr McLaughlin

Uniform

Our compulsory school uniform policy came into effect at the beginning of September 2018 and has been in place for just over a year. We are really impressed with how smart the children look in their uniform at the start of the school year. Let's keep it up.

Logo badges:

You will then be able to purchase them from the school office for £1 per badge.

Jumper buckets:

To help ensure that uniform items are not lost, we have provided a 'Jumper bucket' for each classroom. When children take off jumpers and cardigans, they will be asked to put them in there. These will be emptied daily. You can help by making sure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

Main uniform items:

In summary, the main items of clothing for uniform are:



Navy blue jumper/
cardigan with logo



Grey/black trousers,
dress, skirt, shorts



White/pale blue
polo shirt



Predominantly black
footwear

PTFA

Finally, a couple of dates for the diary:

- 3rd October 2018 - Open meeting, 7.30pm in the staff room all welcome.
- Bedtime stories will be back date to be confirmed.
- Winter Fayre - date to be confirmed soon.
- Christmas shop - Friday 14th December

Further events to be posted in due course, join our Facebook group for the latest information.

The PTFA (ptfa.begbrook@bpa.cabot.ac.uk)



Attendance - One Big Thing

At Begbrook, we understand the importance of attendance. Children need to be in school every day that they possibly can be. When they are here, we can support them with their learning.

So, we ask one really big thing of you – help us to support your child by bringing them to school. Please avoid booking term time holidays and ensure they arrive at school promptly so they are ready to learn.

Our attendance target for this year is 96.5%. Well done to the following three classes who have topped our attendance league and smashed our target already!

1FE 99%

4CW 98.1%

6ES 98%

If you need any support to ensure your child is in school, please speak to our Family Support Worker, Zoe Sutton.



Diary
Dates



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

| DATE | EVENT | DATE | EVENT |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Tues 18 th Sept | Y3 Circus Skills Workshop | Mon 8 th – Fri 12 th Oct | Y6 residential camp week |
| Fri 28 th Sept | 'Futures' trip to We The Curious | Thurs 18 th Oct | Reception end of term celebration |
| Mon 24 th Sept | Harvest Celebrations | Wed 24 th Oct | Parents' Evening 3:30 – 7pm |
| Mon 1 st Oct | Start of Black History Month | Thurs 25 th Oct | Parents' Evening 3:30 – 6pm |
| Wed 3 rd Oct | PTFA Open Meeting | Fri 26 th Oct | INSET day |

Term Dates 2018/19

- Term 1: Monday 3rd Sept – Friday 26th Oct 2018
- Term 2: Monday 5th Nov – Friday 21st Dec 2018
- Term 3: Monday 7th Jan – Friday 15th Feb 2019
- Term 4: Monday 25th Feb – Friday 5th Apr 2019
- Term 5: Tuesday 23rd Apr – Friday 24th May 2019
- Term 6: Monday 3rd June – Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Inset Days 2018/19

- Monday 3rd September
- Friday 26th October
- Monday 5th November
- Monday 7th January
- Friday 5th April
- Friday 5th July

Begbrook Photo Board



Happy's Circus!



PTFA refreshments before the circus...



Circus skills in action!



A wonderful atmosphere...



KS2 Gem Certificates - the first of the year!



Y1 - Y3 Gem Certificate winners - the first of the year!



Gem certificate winners - wk 2!



Our new library furniture - with all our new books!



Y3 drama activity based on Leon and the place between



Oh help! Oh no! It's a Y1 Gruffalo hunt!



Gem certificate winners - wk 2!



There's no such thing as a Gruffalo... or is there?