



Beulah Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 18th December 2015



Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of the term and the calendar year we can look back on what has been an exciting and fulfilling period in the life of our school. As many of you will have seen our new nursery has opened at the front of the school which has given our youngest children a bright, self contained environment in which to start their learning journey. Over the Christmas holidays there will be a lot of **resurfacing works** on our paths and especially on our playgrounds at the back of the school. This will mean that younger brothers and sisters will have a smoother ride in their buggies and that the last patches of mud will be gone by the time the children return. We will establish a new, **safe 'wheely' zone** where children can use the tricycles and other bikes without any chance of collision with any of their classmates who are playing quieter games. The problem of flooding every time it rains on this playground has also (hopefully) been sorted out with the **installation of a large new soakaway**. In January **new, more welcoming gates** at the front of the school will be installed and we will work towards getting our **two new classrooms** ready for orange and green classes so that they can have access straight onto the new playgrounds at the back of the school just like their friends in purple class. These new classrooms will be bright and airy with high ceilings, which should be great in the summer. When the children in Year 1 have all moved to their new classes we will begin fitting out their old rooms to be a **new library** and preparation area for our staff, with facilities for small groups of children to work on computers too.

By the end of the year The Pegasus Academy Trust will have invested over £400,000 in making Beulah Infants a school fit for the 21st century where learning is at the heart of all we do. We know from your comments that you are pleased with the work that has been done and appreciate your support and patience as we complete our modernisation.

Christmas donations Many thanks to everyone who generously donated to Kidney Research UK at the Christmas performances. The school managed to raise over **£210.00** for this charity which is dedicated to research that will lead to better treatments and cures for kidney disease. It was fantastic to see so many of you at our Christmas productions, the children and staff worked incredibly hard to ensure that these shows were successful. Thank you for providing costumes and spending endless hours learning speeches with your children— I am sure they will remember it long into the future.

In the event of snow Now that winter is here we need to remind parents that in the event of extreme weather it may be necessary to close the school. We will always endeavour to keep the school open but sometimes, if staff cannot get in to school or the site becomes unsafe, it may be necessary to close. We will inform parents of any closure by sending a text and by updating the school's website. Parents can also check for details at <http://map.lgfl.org.uk/opencheck>.

Parking It has been brought to our attention that some of our parents/carers are consistently parking over the driveways of our neighbours causing unnecessary upset. We have worked hard to build good relationships with our neighbours over the years and it is important that these are maintained. Please be more considerate when parking at the beginning and end of the day.

Attendance We have achieved an attendance figure of **95.87%** this term and during the spring term our expectation is that this will continue to improve. Please remember that we are not allowed to grant any leave during the school term, unless this is for **exceptional** circumstances. **Our target for attendance is at least 95%.** Please also remember that, if your child is absent for any reason, you need to call and leave a message with the office staff. You must follow up the telephone call with a written note which can be placed on file when your child returns to school.

Other events in the coming weeks

Monday 4th January 2016 INSET day - school closed
Tuesday 5th January 2016 Return to school for children
Tuesday 12th January 2016 'Fussy eaters workshop' for Reception parents 9:00—9:30
Thursday 21st January 2016 Reception Classes visit to Fairfield Halls

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