



Beulah Infant and Nursery School

6th May 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

At last the summer has arrived and the children are enjoying the sunshine! Please remember to put sun protection on your child before they come to school in order to avoid the risk of sunburn. This term is a very busy term and we have many exciting events and trips for the children to look forward to, so please keep checking our website for updates. The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 10th May. **SATs testing for the children in year 2 starts on Tuesday 10th May** and ends on Thursday 19th May. Please make sure your children attend school every day on time, get plenty of rest and lots of encouragement.

New school office. We are now carrying out the last stage of our school improvement works at the front of the school. This involves building a new school office with sliding doors to make our entrance accessible to all. We are anticipating that this office will be finished by the end of the summer term ready for our new children and their families in September. The office will feature a much better space for when parents or carers are waiting to speak to office staff and IT access for those parents and carers who need to carry out some online enquiries related to the school—for instance when completing 'E-Admissions' via the council. This is another example of the improvements we have been able to make as part of our partnership with the Pegasus Academy Trust making things better for families in this part of Croydon.

Before school in the reception and Year 1 playground. Our playgrounds have now been fully refurbished and look fantastic but we need to ask parents and carers to help us with some organisation please. There are signs in the bike area saying that the play bikes are not to be used before or after school and we ask that families respect this and stop their children, including younger siblings, from playing with the bikes, or indeed the other equipment that has been set out for the day ahead. Staff prepare these spaces before school and it is frustrating to come out and find the activities they have prepared in a mess. Children may play on climbing frames, with adult supervision, but please support us by stopping them playing with the bikes or other activities.

School closures for election: Thursday 23rd June (European referendum)

Parent Governor Vacancy Our Academy Council (MAC) at Beulah Infant and Nursery School currently has a vacancy for a parent representative that we would like to fill. Please read the attached letter for more information about this role.

Punctuality and Attendance

As ever, we are keeping a careful eye on attendance at the school and working closely with our Education Welfare Officer. Please note that, in line with the Department for Education guidance on absence, requests for holidays cannot be granted. The guidance makes it clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Future Dates to note:

School photographs - Tuesday 10th May
Year 2 SATs testing starts - Tuesday 10th May and end on Thursday 19th May
Yellow class assembly - Thursday 19th May at 9:15am
Red class assembly - Thursday 26th May at 9:15am
Blue class assembly - Friday 27th May at 9:15am
Year 1 trip to Horniman's Museum Wednesday 25th May
Friday 27th May School closes for half term—re-opens Monday 6th June
Year 2 trip to Camber Sands Thursday 7th July
Thursday 21st July - School closes end of term
Wednesday 7th September -School re-opens for the new academic year

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