



# Beulah Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter January 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very happy new year to all our families! 2016 is going to be a very exciting year at Beulah as the building works continue to transform our school environment and provide even better learning opportunities for your children. We are really pleased to welcome **Debbie Butler** to Beulah as our Acting Head of School. Mrs. Butler has worked within The Pegasus Academy Trust since 2012, having been a very successful Deputy at Ecclesbourne Primary School and outstanding Head at Thornton Heath Nursery School. She has introduced herself to the children and will be around the school to say "hello" to parents. She is delighted to have this opportunity to work with your children and the fabulous staff team at Beulah. Mrs Indarsingh, our Deputy Head, will work alongside Mrs. Butler and ourselves to do the very best for all children and families at Beulah.

### **School Closure : Thursday May 5th 2016**

The school will be closed on Thursday May 5th as we have been notified about an extra training day for staff. Apologies for the inconvenience but hopefully this gives you enough time in which to make childcare arrangements.

**Attendance.** 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. If you do not contact the school we will text and/or ring you to ask why your child is not at school. You must follow-up the telephone call with a written note which can be placed on file when your child returns to school. If the school does not have a written note, our educational welfare officer will flag this up as an unauthorised absence.

**Punctuality.** We would like to remind you that classrooms are open from **08:45**. It is important that your child is in their classroom before registration so that they are organised and ready to learn straight away. If your child is late they miss vital learning time. Please remember to leave classrooms as quickly as possible: there is a five minute warning bell at **08:55** which is a reminder that it is time to go. Gates are locked for the children's safety at **09:00**.

**School uniform.** Please remember that boots and trainers are not part of our school uniform and children should not be wearing them in school. Children's school shoes should be robust enough to deal with rain, the walk to school and playtimes – not 'high fashion' items that are unfit for purpose. However, in times of really adverse weather, such as snow or torrential rain, children can wear suitable boots to school but are expected to change out of them and into their normal school shoes once at school. Please also ensure your child has a white tee-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls in school for PE. During this colder weather children may wear track suit bottoms.

**Safeguarding.** Please could we remind parents not to send any medication into school in the children's bags. All medication must be prescribed by the doctor and handed in at the office.

### **Dates for the rest of this term**

**Tuesday 12th January : Fussy Eaters' workshop 9:-9:30 am all parents welcome**

**Friday 29th January—Reception visit to Fairfield Halls, The Gruffalo**

**Tuesday 2nd February—Lilac Class visit to Hampton Court Palace**

**Wednesday 3rd February—Indigo Class visit to Hampton Court Palace**

**Tuesday 9th February—Amber Class visit to Hampton Court Palace**

**Friday 12th February- Museum Day –Year one and two**

**Half term - last day of school Friday 12th February, return Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

**Parents' evenings- Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th March 3:30-6:30pm**

**Inset day—school closed Thursday May 5th**

Thank you for your support  
Lynne Sampson and Jolyon Roberts  
Executive Heads of School