



Beulah Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter November 2015



Dear Parents and Carers,

The night skies have been lit up with beautiful bursts of firework stars recently signifying the many festivals that are celebrated at this time of year. As the weather turns colder and the nights come in quicker we are reminded that the festive season will soon be upon us. The teachers and children have already started thinking about our winter productions; voices are being warmed, dance steps perfected and lines memorised. Our productions get more popular every year. I wonder what we'll be treated to this time! Please check the dates at the bottom of this newsletter for your child's production day.

I am pleased to inform you that our catering staff and catering facilities were recently awarded with a certificate of excellence in Health & Safety and Food Safety. Congratulations to the catering team!

Trips and Visits Our Year 2 classes have been to London to visit The Monument in connection with their work on The Great Fire of London. They managed to climb the 311 steps that took them up to the top. Last Monday, our Year 1 classes visited Selhurst Park Stadium as part of their local studies work. They even had to walk all the way there and back! This week our Reception children have been to Build-A-Bear in Croydon to make their class bears. These trips are invaluable for the children but they do present a great deal of extra work for the staff involved so I would just like to say thank you to them for their hard work in ensuring the children have a safe, enjoyable and educational trip. I would also like to thank the many parents who helped out as without them we wouldn't be able to run as many trips as we do.

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. 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

I would like to remind you that our classrooms are open from **08.45 am**. It is important that your child is in the classroom before registration so that they are organised and ready to learn straight away. In Year 1 and Year 2 our phonics lessons are first thing in the morning, so if your child is late they could miss some of this vital learning time. Please remember to leave classrooms as quickly as possible. There is a five minute warning bell at **08.55 am** which is a reminder that it is time to go.

Colder weather

As the days are getting colder and wetter please make sure your child is dressed appropriately as we encourage our children to access the outdoor areas throughout the day. If your child has worn wellington boots to school please make sure they have a pair of shoes to change into during lesson time. Children should bring a pair of gloves and a hat to wear at playtimes. Please make sure everything is labelled. Thank you.

Dates for the rest of this term

Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd December— half price book sale
Tuesday 8th December Year 2 Winter production— see over for details
Thursday 10th December Reception Winter production - see over for details
Monday 14th December Year 1 Winter production—see over for details
Tuesday 15th December Christmas songs at St Paul's Church
Wednesday 16th December Christmas Dinner
Friday 18th December Last day of term
Monday 4th January INSET day - school closed



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WINTER PRODUCTIONS



Tuesday 8th December Year 2 Winter production— Christmas Hoedown
 Thursday 10th December Reception—A Winter Celebration
 Monday 14th December Year 1 Winter production—The Special Gift

The charity that we are supporting this year is Kidney Research UK. We will be taking donations of £1 when you come to see your child’s production. There will be an allocation of two tickets per family for each event. Please look out for the letter next week which tells you how to request tickets.

Many thanks.

J. Indasingh



Don't forget to check the website at www.pegasusacademytrust.org for the most up to date news about all that is happening at Beulah Infants.