



Beulah Infant and Nursery School

31st October 2018



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! The first half of term was very busy and the children had some great experiences, both in school and on their class trips. Year 2 went on a science trip to Morden Hall where they had the opportunity to search for mini-beasts; they especially enjoyed pond dipping. Year 1 visited Thornton Heath Library and we are all hoping that parents / carers will be able to follow up this trip with regular family visits to the library so that your children can borrow the fabulous books they have available. It has been a cold start this week and I would like to remind parents / carers that children should be wearing a coat to school (clearly labelled with their name). It is also important that they have appropriate footwear—black school shoes (No trainers). It may be nice and warm at the start of the day but it can change very quickly. At playtimes and lunchtimes we like the children to go outside for some fresh air, unless the weather is really bad.

Fundraising A great big THANK YOU to all of our parents / carers that kindly supported our two charity events earlier this term. The children and staff enjoyed wearing their jeans and raised £161.50 on our Jeans for Genes day. On our fantastic MacMillan coffee morning we thoroughly enjoyed the delicious cakes, coffee and more importantly the opportunity for you all to have a chat and meet other parents. The cake sale after school was also very popular with the children! In total we raised a fantastic £200.80 –Well done!



Harvest Festival Our children impressed us all by singing beautifully and playing their instruments in our Harvest Festival assembly. They learnt all about what a harvest means to the farmers and how some of our food is produced. Thanks to your kind donations we were able to give a substantial amount of food to the Salvation Army. They have asked us to express their gratitude to you.

Parent MAC vacancy We are looking for an additional parent member of our academy council (MACs). We need committed people who are prepared to use their interests to challenge the school leadership and help drive things forward. If you are interested in helping to shape the future of Beulah Infants and Nursery school and your child's education, please ask the office for an application form to complete.

Safeguarding Thank you to all of our parents and carers for parking considerately at the start of the school day. However, several parents have raised concerns regarding all of the children's safety at the end of the school day because there are a few parents parking on the yellow lines directly outside of the school gate or double parking further up/down the street. We all appreciate that it is a difficult area for parking but I know that we are all more concerned about keeping our children safe. **Please consider the safety of our children and park appropriately at all times.** Could I also take this opportunity to ask parents not to go into the children's toilets with their child at the start or the end of the school day. However, you are welcome to use the accessible toilet—just ask a member of staff to direct you.

Birthdays Can I please remind parents that we are not able to give birthday cake or sweets to the children in school because we have a considerable number of children that have very severe allergies. A number of our parents celebrate their child's birthday by gifting a book to the class library which is shared with the class on their child's birthday.

Punctuality and Attendance It has been a brilliant start to the new school year and parents / carers have worked hard to ensure their children are in school every day and arriving in plenty of time for a prompt start to the school day. Each week the children are very excited to see if their class has won the attendance trophy and the class reward. Well done to Red, Purple, Green and Lilac classes whose attendance over the half term has been above 96%.

Do YOU have a child or know a child who will be starting school in September 2019?

The on-line school applications must be made by the **deadline -January 15th 2018**. Beulah welcomes parents to view the school at any time just pop into the office and ask for a viewing. Our office staff will also help our parents /carers complete their on line applications. **Year 2 parents must also apply for a place in the junior school.**

Please see over the page for our diary of events during this half term.

Debbie Butler—Head of School
Beulah Infants and Nursery School



Diary of events Autumn Term 2018



Date	Event	Details
Mon 5th Nov	Reception — Maths parent workshop	Reception Parents 9:00 in the hall
Mon 5th Nov	Nursery — Maths parent workshop	Nursery Parents 12:10 in the hall
Tues 6th Nov	School photographer	Information will be provided after the day
WB 12^h Nov	Friendship Week	Classwork, assemblies and activities celebrating friendship.
Tues 11th Dec	Christmas production Yr1 & Yr2	Yr1 & Yr2 Parents invited –School hall 1:30pm Ticket details to follow
Wed 12th Dec	Choir singing in the Whitgift Centre	Information letter will follow
Thur 13th Dec	Christmas production Yr1 & Yr2	Yr1 & Yr2 Parents invited –School hall 9:00am Ticket details to follow
Thur 13th Dec	Nursery and Reception Family Christmas Activities	1:30pm Nursery and Reception parents invited
Thur 20th Dec	Christmas Pantomime	Information letter will follow
Fri 21st Dec	Christmas Carols and Raffle	Parents/ Carers welcome from 2:00 pm
Fri 21st Dec	Last day of term	Children return on Tuesday 8 th January.

Website Don't forget to check the website at www.pegasusacademytrust.org for the most up to date news and current events taking place at Beulah Nursery and Infants.