



Beulah Infant and Nursery School

Thursday 9th December 2021



We have almost reached the end of the term, thankfully without any whole class closures due to Covid, unlike many other schools across the country. It has been a very exciting term where all of our year one and year two children have been on their very first school trip! Year two really enjoyed learning about the Tudors during their day at Hampton Court and year one made exciting discoveries at the Science Museum. Our children are now busy preparing for their class Christmas concerts and throughout the day the sound of their beautiful voices echo around the school. Unfortunately, due to the recent changes in the Covid restrictions, their concerts will be virtual again this year. The teachers will be recording the year group concerts and they will upload them onto the class blogs. We will text you to let you know when they are available.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers who have been supportive and incredibly understanding throughout all of the challenges that these exceptional circumstances continue to bring. I know the staff and the children are looking forward to the Christmas break so that they can recharge their batteries in order to be ready for the start of the new year.

REMINDER- Applications for reception - September 2022 Admissions –Closing date for applications for **reception intake September 2022** is Friday 14th January. You must apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. If you need any help, please contact the school office.

Application for year 3 (Juniors) - September 2022-Closing date for applications for year 3 is Friday 14th January. If you have not completed your online application yet, then please do so at www.eadmissions.org.uk. If you need any help, please contact the school office.

Applications for nursery—September 2022 intake—If you, or anyone you know, would like a morning nursery place for September 2022, please contact our school office—the places are filling up!

Teachers Leaving At the end of this term we will be saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Besong. She has been working at Beulah for over six years and has done an excellent job teaching around one hundred and eighty children. Although we are very sad to see her go, we wish her and her family our best wishes as they relocate to Doncaster. However, we are excited to welcome Miss Tayab who will be taking over Indigo class. Miss Tayab will be in school all of next week so that the children can get to know her before the start of the new term.

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Butler who has been teaching in the Nursery this term. She has done a remarkable job of settling the children in to school and we are sorry to see her go but wish her well as she starts a new chapter in her life. We are excited to welcome another Miss Butler who has already been working in the nursery over the last two weeks to provide the children with continuity and stability.

Safeguarding- Contact details If you have changed your contact details, please let the school office know so we can update our records. We use 'Teachers to Parents' texting service so please ensure we have your current mobile phone details. All children must have at least two emergency contacts for the school. Please check that your named emergency contacts are still correct. The children have been very busy learning how to keep safe this term. We have had assemblies and class follow up work about staying safe on the roads along with the NSPCC 'PANTS' assembly.

I would like to say a big **THANK YOU** for your generous donations this term supporting a number of charities and the school. We raised £123 for Jeans for Genes, £112 for the Poppy Appeal, £56 for Children in Need and £108 for the school council trainer day.

Uniform: Can I just remind everyone that footwear should be black shoes or completely black trainers. There should be no other colours on footwear, including brand names and logos, unless they are also black. The children only need to bring their red school book bag into school each day - **no back packs please, we don't have enough room on their hooks!** Jewellery is unsafe in school and can cause injury to your child or one of their friends. However, if your child has their ears pierced small studs are allowed.

PE: Please ensure that your **child wears their PE kit to school on their PE day**. This is a plain white top, plain black shorts, plain back jogging bottoms and their normal school jumper. Children should bring their plimsolls in their red PE bag or book bag. All classes will have PE on Tuesday for the first half of the spring term. Indigo will also have an additional session each Wednesday until the end of February.

Punctuality and Attendance:

Thank you to all of our parents / carers for punctual arrival to school each morning. Arriving on time ensures your child has a calm, positive start to their day. The gates open at 8:45am and the children have early morning work until 9:00am when their first lesson starts. If your child arrives after 9:00am they must go through the school office to be registered and will be marked late. Arrival after 9.30 am will be marked as an unauthorised absence. As always, we will be keeping a careful eye on attendance and are keen to support all families to overcome any difficulties that they may experience. I would also like to remind parents that in line with the Department for Education guidance on absence, requests for holidays cannot be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances, as outlined in the school policy. However, if your child is absent from school please call the office and let them know the reason at the start of each school day they do not attend.

Teachers2Parents-I am aware that some of you may have downloaded the App for this service on your phone. However, I feel that is better not to download the app, as you will have to open the app to see any messages. Without the app, messages will be received directly to your phone.

Diary dates:

Early in the new term you will receive year group newsletters which will include important diary dates for your child's class which we hope will help you some with forward planning. However, staff are still finalising dates for visitors/visits and we must be prepared for the possibility of Covid related restrictions if circumstances continue to change in the coming months. Any changes to school visits or events will be communicated to you as soon as possible via the website, text or a newsletter.

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Tuesday 14th December - Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation) and Christmas lunch

Thursday 16th December - class 'end of term' parties

Friday 17th December - school closes for the Christmas break

Wednesday 5th January- school opens for the spring term

Finally, I would just like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a restful holiday. Please remember to stay safe so that we can see you all back in the new year.



Debbie Butler—Head of School
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