



Beulah Infant and Nursery School

Friday 9th September 2022



Welcome back to a new school year! It was lovely to see all of our pupils return after the summer holidays, looking rested and eager to start learning. I would like to take this opportunity to give a very warm welcome to our lovely new children and their families. We are really looking forward to an exciting year ahead! The term has already got off to a flying start and we have many exciting events planned for the school year, so please keep an eye out for posters and newsletters as we will try to give you as much notice as possible. Our website is updated regularly with news, events and information so check frequently for updates: www.pegasusacademytrust.org. The website also has a translation tab for many different languages. If your language is not included please inform the school office.

Safeguarding: Can I ask all parents not to double park in Furze Road and avoid making 'u' turns because it causes obstructions and makes it very dangerous for all of our children. The junior school start time has changed and their gates close at 8:45. Any Junior children arriving after 8:45 will not be able to come through the infants gate as they will need to go through the Junior school office to be registered.

If you have changed any of your **contact details** over the holidays please let the school office know so we can update our records. We have a school to parent texting service so please ensure we have your current mobile phone details too. Our texting service only allows us to text one contact per household.

If your child is **absent** from school please let the office know by phone or email to binfadmin@pegasusacademytrust.org. If we have not got a reason for the absence, it goes into our system as an unauthorised absence.

Health & Safety and Medicines If your child has regular medication in school please check with the office that this is still in-date. Additionally, if your child is new to the school or has recently been prescribed medication that needs to be administered / kept in school please bring it to the office. We will also need any relevant paperwork and care plans so that we can update our records to ensure that our staff are aware of your child's medical needs.

Uniform: The children all look very smart in their new uniforms and shoes, so a great big thank you to you all. 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**. 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. **ALL uniform must be labelled, including footwear.**

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 black jogging bottoms and their normal school jumper. Children should bring their plimsolls in their red PE bag or book bag. The PE days are as follows. Please note that one class each half term from Y1 and Y2 will have two PE days.

Reception - Friday

Year 1 - Tuesday (Green class additional session Wednesday)

Year 2 - Thursday

A plea: September is a time for new school beginnings but for the office staff in our schools it also brings one gigantic task. At the start of October we must complete the school census on which our funding for the next school year is based. In a time where money in schools is as tight as it is at the moment it is crucial that we receive all the funding that we are entitled to and that's where we need your help. If you are currently entitled to any benefits or have ever been in the past a check of your National Insurance (NI) number will let us know if we can claim more funding. If you speak another language at home we need this information.

We are funded additional amounts for the number of children who speak different languages at our schools.

If your child came to us from another school or nursery and they had help there for any kind of special educational need (SEN) then we need this information.

Each one of these pieces of information means more money for the school which will be spent on your children. Please help us by supporting school staff as they seek to claim every penny that we are entitled to. We have one month to get this right and we value your support. Please also let the office staff know if your contact details have changed-especially your address, email address and phone numbers. Please also check that your two named contacts are still correct.

School Council Elections

Next week the school council elections will be taking place. Every child in KS1 will be offered the opportunity to stand for election as their class representative. Children that want to be a candidate are encouraged to plan and deliver their own mini campaigns. We will explore ideas with the children in school but we also ask families to support their children at home—please see the attached letter.

Applications for admissions to Reception in Sept 2023-24

If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, then you must apply asap for a reception place. If your child is currently in Year 2 you must apply for a junior place. Apply online via www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions

Diary dates:

Important dates for this half term are on the reverse of this newsletter. Please put dates in your diaries and keep this letter on your fridge!

Over the coming weeks you will also 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 or visits so may be subject to change. Any changes to school visits or events will be communicated to you as soon as possible via the website, text or a newsletter.

Birthdays:

Due to the high number of food allergies in our school, we will only give out birthday bags, which contain **non-food** items. Our preference would be a book donation for the class to share to celebrate a child's birthday. This is also a much cheaper outlay for families.

Author Visit:

On the 25th September we are very fortunate to have Banji Alexander visit our school as part of his sold-out schoolbook tour at selected schools. If you would like to purchase a copy of his book at a reduced price, which he will be signing on the day, please bring £10 in an envelope (with your child's name and class written on it) and give this into the school office.

Jeans for Genes

This year, on Friday 23rd September, we will be supporting the charity event 'Jeans for Genes'. This is a national event that encourages adults and children to wear their jeans to work or school for a small donation. The money goes to support the charity in its valuable work supporting children with genetic disorders.



Debbie Butler—Head of School
Beulah Infants and Nursery School

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 13th September 9:00am	Year 1: curriculum meeting for parents
Thursday 22nd September 9:00am	Year 2 SATs and curriculum meeting for Parents
Friday 23rd September	Jeans for Genes Day-Children wear as much denim as they can!
Tuesday 27th September 9:00am	Reception: curriculum meeting for parents
Thursday 29th September	Nursery: curriculum meeting for parents
Friday 30th September	McMillan Coffee Morning
Friday 7 th October	Individual school photos
W/C Monday 10th October 3:30-6:30pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 13th October	Y2 Visit Hampton Court
Friday 14th October 9:15am	Harvest Festival assembly
Friday 21st October	Show Racism the Red Card Day - Children wear Red
Friday 21st October	Last day of half term
Wednesday 2nd November	First day back after half term
Friday 11th November	Remembrance Assembly
W/C 14 th November	Friendship/Anti- Bullying Week
Friday 18th November	Children in Need
Friday 25th November	Banji Alexander – Author visit
Wednesday 7th December	Nursery Christmas performance 9.00am Reception Christmas performance 9:30 KS1: Christmas Performance 1:45
Thursday 8th December	KS1: Christmas Performance 9:30 Reception Christmas performance 2.00
Friday 9th December	Christmas Jumper day: Children can wear a Christmas jumper. School Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 14th December	Music Showcase
Friday 16th December	Last day of term Church Visit (TBC)
Wednesday 4th January	First day of term