

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 3rd November 2023

Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
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January 2024							February 2024							March 2024							April 2024						
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May 2024							June 2024							July 2024							August 2024						
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School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
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2023-24 Class Assembly Dates

19/10/23	1AM	16/11/23	5FM
23/11/23	3/4CB	30/11/23	4BC
7/12/23		25/1/24	2JW
1/2/24	6AC	8/2/24	6LM
7/3/24	2LT	14/3/24	1NS
21/3/24	6SB	28/3/24	3KL
2/5/24	5RS	9/5/24	2LS
16/5/24	3NI	23/5/24	5OF
20/6/24		27/6/24	4YH

Class assemblies are on Thursdays at 9.15 and last for approximately 15 minutes. Parents and carers are invited to come along and find out more about their children's learning across the curriculum.

Dates for your Diary

This Term's Events

- 07.11.23 – Year 1 celebration day, 9.10 – 10.10am (parents/carers of half of each class to attend on each day)
08.11.23 – Year 1 celebration day, 9.10 – 10.10am (parents/carers of half of each class to attend on each day)
09.11.23 – Years 3 and 4 maths workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am
16.11.23 – Reception maths workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am
28.11.23 – Year 1 Maritime Museum trip
05.12.23 – Year 6 Junior Citizens trip
12.12.23 – Reception Christmas performance 10-11am (first showing)
12.12.23 – KS1 Christmas carols 3pm
13.12.23 – Years 3 and 4 Second World War workshop in school
13.12.23 – Years 3 and 4 carol concert
14.12.23 – Reception Christmas performance 1-2pm (second showing)
14.12.23 – Years 5 and 6 carol concert
15.12.23 – Nursery Christmas carols 3pm
16.12.23 – Winter fair
19.12.23 – Year 6 theatre trip
19.12.23 – Class parties
20.12.23 – Last day of term
- 23.01.23 – Final Young Voices rehearsal, parents invited
29.01.24 – Year 5 Young Voices concert at The O2

Rescheduled Activity Clubs

Club	Cancelled session	Additional session
Time Travellers	9.10.23	4.12.23
Book Club	17.10.23	5.12.23
KS2 Gymnastics	17.10.23	5.12.23
KS1 Gymnastics	18.10.23	6.12.23
Mini Athletics	19.10.23	7.12.23
Coding, KS1, Years 3/4 and Years 5/6	21.9.23	7.12.23

News and Reminders

House Captains

Thank you to last half term's house captains, Cyra, Othniel, Una and Joe. This half term our house captains are Olivia, Buster, Lottie and Freya.



Timestable Rockstars Competition

Well done to everyone who took part in the Timestable Rockstars competition over half term. The winning class is 3/4CB who win a trophy and 10 minutes of extra playtime, well done 3/4CB!



Year One Celebration Days

Year One Celebration Days are taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday next week at 9.15am, please sign up to attend one of the sessions on the list outside your child's classroom. Signing up helps to ensure that neither session gets too crowded, but if you don't manage to sign up please try to come along to one of the sessions anyway to find out more about your child's learning in our play-based Year 1 provision.

Workshops

It has been great to see so many parents coming to our workshops to find out more about how children learn in school. Maths workshops for Years 3 and 4 and Reception are coming up in the next two weeks, please come along.

Jewellery

Children should not be wearing any jewellery (other than stud or small sleeper earrings) to school unless it is essential for religious reasons. This is because jewellery can get caught or pulled while children are playing which can be dangerous to children or can damage the jewelry. Children cannot take part in PE while wearing jewellery and items are often lost when removed for PE, so please leave all jewellery at home.

Naming Uniform

Please ensure that everything that your child brings to school is named. This can be as simple as writing their name on a label in biro. During the winter months children often take off jumpers, coats, hats and gloves when playing and if they are not named they often end up in the lost property box unclaimed. Named items are always returned to their owners.

Sharing Children's Learning

Connected to the Community

One of Bessemer's core values is *Connected to the Community* and one way in which we reflect this value is in our support of our local foodbank, The Community Fridge, based at Albrighton Community Centre. The Children who make up our school council spent Tuesday morning at the community centre this week, helping to sort our harvest festival donations for The Community Fridge, which aims to reduce food waste and supports an average of 350 households per week. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our harvest collection.



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **imminent**. Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word and try using it in different ways in sentences. Try adding a suffix to make a new word, e.g. **imminently**. You could also research the origins of the word and see if you can think of any related words with the same origin.

Try to use the word of the week as much as possible so that it becomes part of your child's vocabulary. Children will receive gems for using the word in their speech and writing and for explaining its meaning and origin.

F@B Update

We need your help! Raffle prize appeal:

Can you or your workplace donate a prize for our 2023 winter raffle?

Maybe there's a local shop, bar or restaurant you often visit who might donate a token or other prize?

This summer's raffle raised a whopping £2,148 and we're hoping that the next one will be just as good if not better!

To get things started we will need some great prizes - please help if you can!

Previous prizes have included:

👑 new, gift-boxed jewellery

🍺 beer, wine and whisky

🍫 boxes of chocolates

🎨 works of art

🌿 gardening services

🧸 toys

📷 family photoshoot

🎫 tickets for a family day out

...and much more.

If you can donate something similar (or know somebody who can) please contact FAB on

fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk

Thanks so much in advance!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Setting up parental controls and privacy settings on devices your child uses:

Parental controls are the names for a group of settings that put you in control of what content your child can see. Combined with privacy settings, these can help you protect your children from inappropriate content, online grooming, cyber-bullying and other [online safety issues](#).

This website has guides for setting parental controls or privacy settings for different devices, social media and search engines:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Moonbeam	Kassie	Lenny	Maseyr		
Sunshine	T'Mari	Youssef	Dashka		
Rainbow	Yohnathan	Leo	Henry		
1AM	Sam	Lucy	Mason	Teresa	Sorrel
1NS	Rufus	Tammany	Laura	Jake	
2JW	Casper	Grace	Georgie	Yaseerah	Albie
2LS	Imaan	Emma	Rimas	Humaira	
2LT	Maceo	Ibrahim	Santi	Olivia	
3KL	Sophie	Micah	Elham	Shafi	Wolfie
3NI	Charlotte	Juno	Sarah	Felix	
3/4CB	Leila	Kebreab	Salome	Elijah	
4BC	Harley	Sammy	Leo	Noah	Winnie
4YH	Suraya	Adeola	Runaah	Ricardo	
5RS	Camai	Poppy	Gloria	Andrea	
5OF	Emily	Eve	Olive	Valentina	
5FM	Bill	Janessa	Neron	Einas	Frankie
6LM	Olivia	Princess	Nathaniel	Zac	
6SB	Tom	Hillary	Leandra	Hasti	
6AC	Omar	Othniel	Allegra	Flora	

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Laura	Zahra	Kebreab	Abemelek	Azariah	Khadijah

House
Winners

Sapphires!



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth