Bessemer Primary School Newsletter

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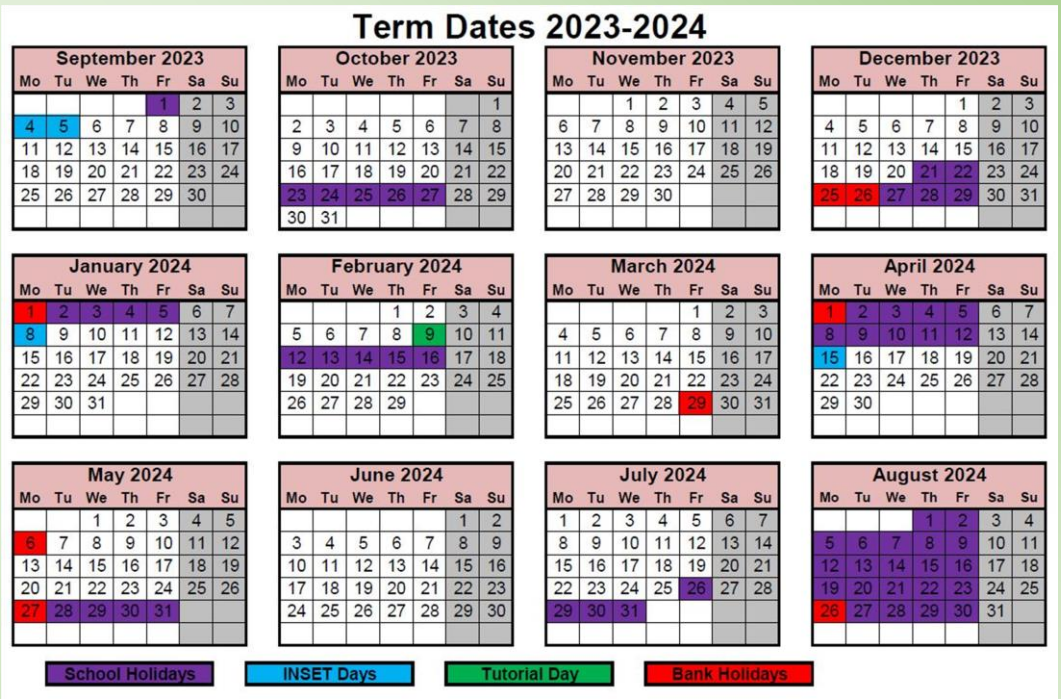
Dates for your Diary **Friday 26th January 2024**



2024 Class Assembly Dates

		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

29.01.24 – Year 5 Young Voices concert
31.01.24 – 1AM Unicorn Theatre trip
31.01.24 – Year 4 times tables workshop for parents and carers, 9.10am
01.02.24 – 1NS Unicorn Theatre trip
02.02.24 – NSPCC Number Day – dress up in number related outfits
07.02.24 – Reception Unicorn Theatre trip
07.02.24 – Year 5 London Eye trip
08.02.24 – Last day of half term for children
09.02.24 – Tutorial Day (school closed to children)
19.02.24 – Children return to school
WB 19.02.24 - Bikeability for EYs and KS1
WB 26.02.24 - Bikeability for Years 3 and 4
28.02.24 – Zoolab visit for Nursery and Years 1 and 2
WB 04.03.24 – Bikeability for Years 5 and 6
07.03.24 – World Book Day
07.03.24 – Early Years Celebration Day
28.03.24 – Last day of term
15.04.24 – Inset day
16.04.24 – Children return to school

Spring Term Library Visits

(Please note changes as requested by the library)

	10:20- 11	**11:15 - 11:55**
Thurs 11th Jan	3KL	6AC
Fri 12th Jan	1AM	6LM
Thurs 18th Jan	1NS	6SB
Fri 19th Jan	3NI	4BC
Thurs 25th Jan	2JW	
Fri 26th Jan	2LT	
Thurs 1st Feb	2LS	
Fri 2nd Feb	3/4CB	
Thurs 22nd Feb	5RS	
Fri 23rd Feb	5FM	
Thurs 29th Feb	5OF	
Fri 1st March	4VG	
Thurs 7th March	Rainbow	
Fri 8th March	Moonbeam	
Thursday 14th March	Sunshine	

News and Reminders

Tutorial Day
Friday 9th February is tutorial day. This means that school is closed to children on that day and parents and carers have appointments with their child's teacher throughout the day. Appointments are 15 minutes long and will give you the opportunity to look in your child's exercise books and talk to their teacher about their progress, targets and wellbeing. You will also receive a copy of your child's mid-year report. Children are welcome to attend appointments with their parents and carers. Appointments are available for booking on Parentmail from today. If you have more than one child please allow a small gap between their appointments to ensure that you are able to be on time.

Number Day
On Friday 2nd February we are celebrating NSPCC Number Day. Children are invited to dress up in outfits relating to numbers and we will collect donations for the NSPCC on the gates in the morning. During maths lessons on Number Day children will be completing maths puzzles and other fun maths activities – look out for photos in next week's newsletter and on X.

Times Tables Workshop
On Wednesday 31st January Sheryl Burton is leading a short times table workshop. This is primarily for parents and carers of children in Year 4 as they will be taking part in the national times table check in the summer term. This check takes place because it is expected that by the end of Year 4 all children know their times tables up to the 12 times table as this knowledge is key to their ongoing mathematical progress. Please do try to attend this workshop as Sheryl will be sharing strategies for teaching and retaining times tables. Parents and carers of children in Year 3 can also attend, and parents and carers of any children in years 5 and 6 who are struggling with times tables are also very welcome. The workshop will take place at 9.10am in the lower hall.

Activity Clubs
There are still some spaces available in a few of our activity clubs. If you would like to book a place please contact the office. Of course, you will only be charged for the remaining sessions, not for the full 10 week block.
There will not be any lunchtime choirs next week as our music teacher is working on an adjusted timetable in order to support the Year 5 children at the Young Voices concert. Choirs will resume the following week.

Measles
We have received the following message from Public Health:

We are seeing much higher than normal levels of measles in London this year, including in Southwark schools. Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools, and is a nasty illness and in some children can be very serious and lead to hospitalisation – and in rare cases tragically can cause death. People in certain at-risk groups including babies and young children, pregnant women, and people with weakened immunity, are at increased risk of complications if they catch measles. Find out more about the symptoms of measles here.

The NHS also has the following advice for parents on measles: Measles - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

DfE has published an Education Hub blog with guidance on measles and the MMR vaccine for parents, nurseries and schools.

Sharing Children's Learning

Thank you to the parents and other family members who came along to share a story in Nursery and Reception this morning. It was a lovely session and the children thoroughly enjoyed having new adults to share books with. If you have a child in Early Years please see the attached letter for more information and try to come along to one of these sessions.

Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Year 4 continued their work on teeth in Biology this week. They identified the uses of different teeth by eating apples (using incisors to bite) and baguettes (using molars to chew).

We have already seen some great pieces of topic homework this half term, including Max's amazing London Eye model and Evie's fantastic Kenyan landscape:

We look forward to seeing more of your home learning, remember to bring it in to earn gems!

Word of the Week

This week's word of the week was **ravenous** (meaning extremely hungry, e.g. *the children hadn't eaten all day so they were ravenous*). Well done to everyone who worked it out from the clues!
Please work with your child to decipher the clues below in order to work out next week's word of the week. If your child can guess the word of the week and tell their teacher on Monday they will get a gem. The word will be revealed in assemblies on Tuesday this week so that children can then use it throughout the rest of the week and will be shared on the newsletter on Friday, along with the next set of clues.

The clues for next week's word:
Where to find it – Find me under 'c' (verb)
What it means most often - to understand
When to use it – It took me a long time to _____ multiplying fractions.
Has 3 syllables.

Good luck!

F@B Update

Bessemer loves books
This is just a quick reminder that we have a small collection of books for Bessemer families on a shelf by the school office. F@B volunteers recently added some lovely new picture books which we hope you will enjoy.

Children are welcome to come along and choose a book. You can swap a book, borrow a book, or take one away and keep it!

Uniform sale reminder
Please stop by our uniform stall next Friday after school (Friday 2 February) to bag a bargain and help clothes stay out of landfill! ♻

Donations of clean / good condition items are welcome and can be left at the school office next week or brought to the stall on Friday.

Thank you!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

VIDEO GAMES, CONSOLES & PLATFORMS

If your child is a keen gamer and uses a range of consoles or devices to play the latest games, make sure to set them up safely. Take a look at the list of parental control 'how-to' guides on the Internet Matters website to get up to speed on how to set the right level of protection to give them a fun and safe experience while playing video games:

https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/

Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Clem	Jude	Abigail		
Sunshine	Daksha	Archer	T'Mari		
Moonbeam	Gabriel	Atreen	Phoenix		
1AM	Jasper	Lariah	Teo	Arthur	Vladko
1NS	Nia – Bella	Ella	Troy	Florence	
2JW	Amina	Sarai	Albie	Phoebe	
2LS	Harrison	Rayha	Ellie Mae	Temu	
2LT	Olivia	Margot P	Henry	Melody	Stephany Malachi
3KL	Felix	Makai	Elham	Talya	
3NI	Brandon	Sarah	Henry	Ben	Martha
3/4CB	Donatas	Leila	Harry	Sharon	
4BC	Leo	Fran	Remy	Lacey	Sammy
4VG	Johnny	Radin	Nicolas	Suraya	
5RS	Jacob	Fox	Isaac	Bryan	
5OF	Max E	Max M	Kelvin	Sami	Azariah
5FM	Fayo	Aimenya	Jonathan	Paul, Tiger, Owen, Finn	
6LM	Victoria	Montana	Curtis	Yousuf	Olivia
6SB	Otis	Heidi	Alexander	Zahid	
6AC	Christabel	Ramatulai	William	Othniel	

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Teddy	Joseph	Leo	Adam	Sophie	Nathaniel

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
2LT	3/4BC	6AC

House Winners	Emeralds!

Have a great weekend!

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Stay and share a story

Every Friday in Nursery and Reception from 9-9.20am

Over the next 10 weeks, **we will be inviting you in to come and read** a book to your child, and others if they wish to join.

Encouraging reading for pleasure will instill a love of books and modelling how to handle books, talk about what you are reading or have read will support children to deepen their understanding of what has been read further.

We understand that you may have work or other commitments so we encourage you to come in at least once, however if you do have the capacity to come in more often, please do. Grandparents, older siblings and extended family are also welcome if you are unable to.

Please sign up with the class teacher or send an email to the office with the date you will be able to attend to ensure we have an even coverage of parents over the term.

Kind regards,
The Early Years Team

SPORTS FOCUS COACHING

February

Camp

Football, Floor is Lava, Water Games, Arts & Crafts,, Tennis, Lego Club

Where: Bessemer Grange Primary School, Dylways

Ages: Reception - Year 6

Monday, 12th February - Friday, 16th February

Times & Prices:
9:00 - 12:00 £25
12:00 - 15:00 £25
9:00 - 15:00 £33
Early drop off 8:30 additional £3.50
Late Pick up 15:00 - 17:00 additional £5

Dodge Ball, Cricket, Nerf Battles, Athletics, Cooking & More!

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