

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 13th January 2023

- 16.01.23 – 20.01.23 Year 4 classes' trips to Sainsbury's
- 16.01.23 – Year 5 Young Voices performance
- 18.01.23 – Illustration Club starts
- 23.01.23 – Year 2 maths / SATs parent workshop, 9.15am
- 24.01.23 – 4FM trip to Vauxhall City Farm
- 25.01.23 – 4KL trip to Vauxhall City Farm
- 26.01.23 – 4YH trip to Vauxhall City Farm
- 26.01.23 – Capoeira club starts
- 27.01.23 – Year 6 trip to Dulwich Picture Gallery
- 30.01.23 – Year 5 London Eye trip
- 01.02.23 – Year 6 SATs parent workshop, 9.15am
- 03.02.23 – NSPCC Number Day (number related dress up)
- 06.02.23 – Nursery train journey trip
- 10.02.23 – Tutorial day, school closed to children
- 13.02.23 - 17.02.23 – Half term break
- 20.02.23 – Children return to school
- 21.02.23 – Year 6 JCS trip
- 01.03.23 – Early Years Celebration Day
- 20.03.23 – Last day of term

Class Assembly Dates

(Parents and carers are invited to watch their child's assembly at 9.15 on the dates below. Assemblies will last approximately 15 minutes.)

Friday 27 th January	5RS	Friday 20 th January	2LS
Friday 24 th February	3CB	Friday 3 rd February	6AC
Friday 17 th March	5JB	Friday 10 th March	2FW
Friday 31 st March	1NS	Friday 24 th March	4KL
Friday 12 th May	5LW	Friday 5 th May	2OF
Friday 26 th May	1FP	Friday 19 th May	6MS
Friday 30 th June		Friday 23 rd June	4YH

Spring Term Library Visits

	10:00- 10:40	10:40- 11:20	11.20-12:00
Thursday 5 th Jan	1NS	2FW	5JB
Thursday 12 th Jan	Sunshine	2OF	5RS
Thursday 19 th Jan	1AM	2LS	5LW
Thursday 26 th Jan	1FP	6AC	4KL
Thursday 2 nd Feb	Rainbow	6MS	4FM
Friday 3 rd	3LM	6CB	Little Stars
Thursday 9 th	3CB	3SB	4YH

News and Reminders

Early Years Forest School Sessions

Children in Little Stars, Nursery and Reception have weekly Forest School sessions in the nature garden, provided by The Jolly Foresters. These sessions are one of the highlights of the week, with children experiencing a range of exciting activities such as building fires and toasting marshmallows, whittling, sawing wood, hammering nails, water play, crafts, building dens and climbing trees. These activities encourage children to challenge themselves and take risks in a safe environment and support children in developing the resilience they need to become confident learners in other areas.

This fantastic Forest School provision costs £10 000 for the year's sessions – approximately £80 per child. Until now, these sessions have been largely funded by the generous donations of Early Years parents, however this year there is a very significant shortfall, no doubt due to the current financial climate. Unfortunately, pressure on the school's budget means that without these donations we will be unable to continue with our Forest School provision. If you feel able to make a contribution to cover your child's sessions, or any part of them, we would be extremely grateful. Donations can be made to F@B using the link:

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/friends-at-bessemer> and stating that the donation is for Forest School. Please help us to maintain this important element of our Early Years provision!

House Captains

Thank you to last term's House Captains, Alameen, Osian, Samira and Sofia. This term our House Captains are Jacob, Josh, Fergus and Georgia. House captains lead our school houses, Rubies, Sapphires, Emeralds and Diamonds and take on various responsibilities during their term in the role.



Times Table Rockstars Competition

Well done to everyone who took part in the Times Table Rockstars competition over the holiday. The winners, who were announced in assembly, were: 1st **Brogan** 2nd **Khadijah** 3rd **Azariah**

Class Winners: 1st **5RS** 2nd **4YH** 3rd **5JB**

NSPCC Number Day

Friday 3rd February is NSPCC Number Day. As well as taking part in fun activities in class, children are invited to dress up in clothes with numbers on or in outfits relating to numbers. We will collect donations for the NSPCC on the gates.

The Community Fridge

We are continuing to collect for The Community Fridge foodbank based at The Albrighton Centre. The collection point for non-perishable foods and other items such as toiletries, sanitary products and nappies is in the main school office. The Community Fridge is open to anyone between 1pm and 3pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, providing hot meals, fresh fruit and vegetables, frozen meat, tinned and dried foods and other essential items.

Sharing Children's Learning

As part of this half term's topic Food and Agriculture, children in Year 4 brought in foods from different cultures to share and taste. They talked about the significance of some of the foods and why foods from various places might be different.



Thank You!

Thanks to funding from F@B, and therefore the hard work of F@B members and the generosity of all of our parents, carers and school community, we have been able to buy some new outdoor furniture for the Year 5 / 6 playground to create an outdoor reading area and a Rubik's Zone for the Rubik's cube club. Thank you!

Reading Area



Rubik's Zone



We are now working on developing an outdoor reading area in the Year 3 / 4 playground and setting up a playtime Rubik's cube club for years 3 and 4.

Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **inclusive**. Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word and the different ways in which it can be used and perhaps research its origin, then try to use it as much as possible so that it becomes part of their vocabulary. Children will receive gems for using the word in their speech and writing and for explaining its meaning and origin.

F@B Update

Welcome back and a big Happy New Year from the F@B team!

We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break and you're all as excited as we are for the new term.

Firstly, we'd like to thank you all again for your support at the Winter Fair. With the fair, raffle and boards from Urban Village combined, we managed to raise a wonderful £5,500 which is fantastic and much needed for the school.

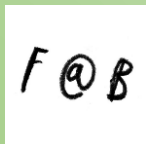
If you couldn't join us but would still like to donate you can do this at any time by following this link: <https://bit.ly/FABdonation> or scanning the QR code below.



This term we're really excited about Book Week, which we're pleased to say will see the return of the Big Book Swap, and Science week. More information will follow in the coming weeks but leading up to Book Week which will be the week commencing 27th February, we'd love to know if any of you wonderful parents have connections to authors or illustrators who would be willing to come and visit the school and talk to the kids. The school would like to focus this on KS1 & KS2 level so if anyone can help us find some lovely people to speak that would be wonderful.

The school are also desperate for magazine donations, so instead of recycling them, please bring them to the school office as they will be gratefully received.

Thanks as always for your continued support!



P.s. If you would like to be part of the awesome F@B team that makes it all happen, do drop us an email on fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk as we'd love to hear from you.

E-Safety Tip of the Week

How does going online affect our wellbeing and that of our children? Being online can affect children's wellbeing in many ways. We can reduce negative effects by managing the content children see, ensuring the interactions they have with others online is suitable and managing how long they are online, in balance with other activities. For more advice about this and other topics, visit: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>



Celebrations!

Certificates

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week	Scientist of the Week
Rainbow	Sadie	Sam	Kiyoko		
Sunshine	Annabelle	Louie	Florence		Jasper
1AM	Alexis	Aymar	Ramsay	Johnny	
1FP	Simon	Louis	Ibrahim	Ellie	
1NS	Ellie Mae	Emma	Harrison	Joseph	Stephany
2FW	Wilfred	Henry	Phoenix M	Jacob	
2LS	Wolfie	Hari	Oscar	Grace	
2OF	Juno	Ben	Brandon	Matilda	Salome
3LM	Abemelek	Radin	Elena	Daniel	Abass
3CB	Jadon	Alkyoni	Theo	Billy	
3SB	Johnny	Leo	Suraya	Noah	
3AK		Harry	Francesca	Eve	
4KL	Eve	Florence	Owen W	Neron	Sophie
4YH	Gabriel	Florence	Ozgur	Janessa	
4FM	Lucia	William	Tiger	Johanna	
5RS	Hasti	Summer	Haven	Zahid	Dexter
5JB	Buster	Lekha	Alex	Lenny	
5LW	Edie	Raequan	Silas	Othniel	
6CB	Josh	Eva	Charlotte	Jess	
6MS	Samuel	Alex	Dayo	La'niya	
6AC	Elizabeth	Sofia	Raheemah	David	Aaron

Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Matilda	Esme	Azariah	Brogan	Rose

Timestable Rockstars winning classes: **2OF, 4YH and 5RS**

This week's house winners: **Diamonds!**



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth