

# Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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## Dates for your Diary

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

- 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 – Teachers’ strike, school closed for children
- 08.02.23 – Year 6 SATs workshop
- 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
- 31.03.23 – 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 <sup>th</sup> January	5RS	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	2LS
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	3CB	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	6AC
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	5JB	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	2FW
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	1NS	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	4KL
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	5LW	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	2OF
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	1FP	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	6MS
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June		Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	4YH

## **Spring Term Library Visits**

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

## News and Reminders

### **Industrial Action Update**

As you know, school will be closed for children on February 1<sup>st</sup> due to the teachers' strike. We will however be open between 12 and 1pm during which time all children can come to school to eat a cooked lunch if they wish and again for After School Club between 3.30 and 5.45pm. The lunchtime and After School Club staff are not involved in the strike and these periods can be safely staffed without teachers.

After School Club can be booked and paid for as usual on Parentmail, where it will be listed as *After school Club, Industrial Action*. All existing After School Club (and Breakfast Club) bookings for February 1<sup>st</sup> will be cancelled and refunded, so you will need to rebook if your child was already booked in for February 1<sup>st</sup> and you still wish for them to attend.

Lunchtime attendance will also be added to Parentmail, as *Lunch, Industrial Action*, there will not be a charge for attending but we need an indication of numbers to inform our catering staff.

Bookings for *After School Club, Industrial Action* and *Lunch, Industrial Action* are now open on Parentmail and will close again at 12 noon on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

Once we know how many children will be coming for lunch we will update you with information about drop off and pick up points. If you would like your KS2 child to walk home alone after lunch they will be allowed to do so as long as they have permission for going home alone on ordinary school days. If your child does not have permission to walk home alone but you would like them to do so on this occasion please email the school office. Children in KS1 can not walk home alone and must be collected by an adult.

For further information about this industrial action please see the letter that was sent out today.

### **Open House Coffee Morning**

Please see the attached flier for Open House coffee mornings, taking place on Mondays, between 10 and 11.30am at St Faith's Community Centre. The flier is from last term so the date is old, but the coffee mornings are continuing this term. At these coffee mornings you can access free clothing, toys, books and household items. You will be asked to show the flier, but can do so on your phone, there is no need to print it. If you can not access it on your phone and need a paper copy please ask the office who will print one for you.

### **Autism Course**

Please see the attached flier for information about a level two accredited Autism course for parents and carers.

### **Nature Garden Sessions**

During the winter the nature garden can become quite muddy. Classes still make use of their sessions unless the weather is really wet, so please send your child with a waterproof coat (and waterproof trousers if you wish) and either wellies or spare shoes if possible. If you are unable to send spares, please do make sure that your child is not wearing shoes that you do not want to get muddy on their nature garden day.

### **Cold Weather**

While the weather is cold, please try to send your child to school with gloves and perhaps a hat and scarf as they are outside for up to an hour at a time during the school day. Please make sure that all items are clearly named.

### **P.E. Kit**

P.E. kit consists of navy (or black or grey if you do not have navy) tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts with either a gem house t-shirt or a white polo t-shirt and trainers. All P.E. kit items should be plain, not patterned, and children should not be wearing football kits as P.E. kit. If the weather is cold children can wear their usual school jumper over their P.E. kit. Children in upper KS2 should have a spare t-shirt in school on P.E. days in case they need to change after their P.E. lesson.



## Sharing Children's Learning

Last term Year 5's music lessons focused on singing, led by our music teacher Duncan. On Monday the children went to the O2 arena to take part in the Young Voices choir performance. 9000 children took part in the performance, supported by dancers, musicians, singers and other performers. It was a long day but the children coped admirably and had a great time. It was an amazing experience which the children will always remember.





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This week children in Year 4 have been visiting Sainsbury's as part of their *Food and Agriculture* topic to learn more about food miles.



## Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **dynamic**. 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

Happy New Year from Bessemer Chickens. They had a lovely Xmas break with plenty of Brussels Sprouts treats. If you would like to sign up for the rota or even join the Chicken Crew please see details of what to do and the sign up link here. <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/961000640> We will be running a chicken care induction soon, watch this space but in the meantime, we can do ad hoc ones for newcomers. 🐔

## E-Safety Tip of the Week

### Instant Messaging

Many people enjoy using the wide range of instant messaging apps to stay in touch with family and friends. They are a great way to stay connected, socialise and keep up to date with things that are happening.

However, there can be some risks involved, such as messages from unsolicited sources. It important to talk to your child about what is and isn't appropriate to send, what to do if someone they don't know contacts them, and how to respond if they receive a message that they don't like or makes them feel uncomfortable.



# Celebrations!

## Certificates

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week	Scientist of the Week
Rainbow	Ella	Laura	Jago		Teddy
Sunshine	Sara	Freddie	Vincent		
1AM	Albie	Abdulai	Gwen	Dougie	Yaseerah
1FP	Rebecca	Ava	Ivor	Haddy	
1NS	Lucas	Nathaniel	Sebastian	Maya	
2FW	Kebreab	Phoenix M	Seren	Fred	
2LS	Valentina	Shafi	Mikey	Hari	Grace
2OF	Donatas	Faye	Rene	Alex	
3LM	Harry	Holly	Kyanna	Matthew	
3CB	Sophie	George	Nicolas	Cavalli	
3SB	Arthur	Florence	Safa	Aubrey	
3AK		Amelia G	Mariatu	Camila	
4KL	Milo	Brayden	A.J.	Ruby	
4YH	Azariah	Fayo	Rayanne	Carter	
4FM	Einas	Tayo	Ezekiel	Myriam	
5RS	Whole of 5RS	Marley	Yabai	Jeanne	
5JB	Olesia	Lukas	Naomi-Rose	Rocco	Buster
5LW	Whole of 5LW	Freddie	Zadie	Herbie	
6MS	Hazna	Nife	Riley	Jago	
6CB	Ollie	Ibrahim	Osman	Jacob	
6AC	Abdul	Alameen	Joy	Osian	

## Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Vidak	Matthew	A.J.	Kiera	Victoria

Timestable Rockstars winning classes: **2LS**, **4FM** and **5JB**

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



Have a great weekend!

*Elizabeth*