

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Thursday 26th May - Children break up for half term

Friday 27th May - Jubilee Day (school closed)

Monday 6th June - Children return to school

Wednesday 22nd June - Year 4 trip to the velodrome and park

Thursday 23rd June - Year 5 library visit and story session

Wednesday 6th July - Friday 8th July - Year 6 school journey

Monday 11th July - Year 3 and 4 sports day

Tuesday 12th July - Year 5 and 6 sports day

Wednesday 13th July - KS1 and EYFS sports day

Tuesday 19th July - Year 6 performance, 6pm

Wednesday 20th July - Year 6 disco, 6-7.30pm

Thursday 21st July - Year 6 graduation, 2pm

Please disregard the date given for Carnival in last week's newsletter, we are moving our Carnival as that date clashed with Year 6 school journey. Carnival will now probably be on Friday 15th July, we will confirm this as soon as possible.

News and Reminders

Medication

If your child has any medication in school this must be handed in to the school office, even if it will then be stored in class, e.g. asthma pumps. This is so that the office can keep a record of all medication in school and monitor expiry dates. Children must not be sent to school with medication of any sort, e.g. hay fever tablets or painkillers, in their bags.

Year Two Transition

Every year we find that the transition from Year Two to Year Three is a bit more challenging for our children than the other class transitions they go through during their time with us. We have taken a number of actions to support this transition, such as the introduction of an afternoon play time in Year Three and the implementation of wellbeing strategies in class. This year we are introducing a new strategy to soften the transition for the children. One of the major differences in Year Three is that children are dropped off at the playground gate rather than at their classroom door. Therefore, in the second week back after half term we will be asking Year Two parents and carers to bring children to the Key Stage One playground in the morning, where they will line up with their class and be collected by their teachers. For the first two weeks parents and carers will be able to come in to the playground and wait with their children if they would like to. We will then transition to dropping children off at the gate, as will happen in Year Three. We feel that this change will be much easier for the children to cope with in their current class with their known adults rather than introducing it at the beginning of Year Three when there are so many new things to get used to. Children should come into the playground through the red gate and the playground will be open from 8.50am. All children should be in the playground when the bell goes at 9am.

At home time children will still be collected from their classroom doors so you will still have the opportunity to speak to their class adults on a daily basis if needed.

Free School Meal Provision During the Holiday

Southwark have changed their decision about providing food vouchers over the holiday for children entitled to free school meals, here is their message:

'the decision to end the funding of FSM over the school holidays has been reversed! This is good news indeed and means that support for our vulnerable children and families will continue during the next two holiday periods (May half term and the summer), when the rising cost of living is making a very significant impact and is forcing some very difficult spending decisions.'

Vouchers will be sent out as usual to those families who are entitled to them.

Jubilee Tea Parties

We all had a great time at our Jubilee tea parties today! Please check our Twitter feed (which you can access via the front page of our website) for photos of all the fun.

Cricket Tournament

This week some children in Year 3 took part in a cricket tournament. They all performed brilliantly, well done Year 3!



Sharing Children's Learning

Year 4 children went to The Horniman Museum this week to find out more about the Benin Kingdom.



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Year 2 had a fantastic day out in Whitstable as part of their Seaside topic:



Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Year 5 have made collages in the style of Andy Warhol in honour of the Queen's Jubilee:



Check our Twitter feed for more Jubilee art!

F@B Update

Summer Fair

This year's Summer Fair will take place after school on Friday 1 July. With only five weeks to go, we're looking for as many volunteers as possible. If you came to our last fair you'll have seen just how vital the team of parents and carers are, for a smooth-running and great fun event. If you can spare some time on the day, we would love to hear from you - please contact Lucy on 07949 439 360.

Play Street

We're planning two more Play Street events, on 17 June and 15 July. The street outside the school will be closed to traffic for an extended period, outdoor toys will be available for children to play with, and we'll be selling ice-cream and other goodies too. Please put the dates in your diary!

Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **nostalgic / nostalgia**. Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word 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.

Celebrations!

Children in Year 6 had a great time at Airthrill celebrating the end of SATs:



All the children in Rubies enjoyed celebrating their win last term on their house winners' bowling trips:



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Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week	Scientist of the Week
Rainbow	Ezra	Grace	Zek		
Sunshine	Amina	Sebastian	Nathaniel		
Moonbeam	Santi	Alexis	Temu		
1AM	Hari	Alessandro	Felix	Trey	
1EB	Felix	Agibu	Gabriel	Ben	
1NS	Phoenix M-S	Seren	Mohammed	Joel	
2JW	Esme	Runaah	Sharon	Aishah	
2LT	Mariatu	Nadia	Abdullah	Benita	
2OF	Kyanna	Adam	Warren	Matthew	
3LM	Carter	Arda	Miley	Ali	Finn
3CB	Florence	Alexis	Neron	Owen	Kelvin
3LS	Olha	Tofarati	Ezekiel	Rehanna	
3JK		Bailey		Neron	
4SB	Hasti	Leo	Ramatulai	Hasiba	Allegra
4KL	Abdulai	Iona	Tate	Joe	
4HB	Buster	Rocco	Summer	Heidi	
4JB		Haven	Edie	Yousef	
5RS	Abdul	Jasper	Tillie	David	
5AC	La'niya	Leo	Lukas	Hasna	
5LW	Georgia	Kayla	Jacob	Rose	
5JK		Kiran		Amelia	
6MS	Chako	Ryo	Kyrie	Amy	
6YH	Ralph	Maksim	Edith	Elvis	Alex
6SB	Dom	Jack	Samuel	Sophie	

Timetable	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Rockstars		Leo	Owen W	Dexter	Victoria	Amy

Timetable Rockstars winning classes: 2LT, 4SB and 6SB

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

Have a great half term break!

Elizabeth