



Belgrave St. Bartholomew's Academy



March/ April 2019 Newsletter

It is almost the end of term – again! Where has the time gone? I hope you have some lovely things planned for the Easter break!

Easter – We will be holding our annual Easter service in school on Friday 12th April at 9am. All families are warmly invited to come and join us for this very special event. The children will be given a palm cross and a chocolate egg at the end of the service to help them remember the Easter story.

Easter Egg Decorating Competition – The decorated Easter egg competition will take place next week. Please ensure that any decorated eggs have been HARD BOILED first to prevent any messy accidents in school. We always love seeing the fabulous creations from home so please do encourage your child to take part. Decorated eggs will need to be brought into school on Monday 8th April. We are so eggs-ited!

SATs - Year 6 children will be taking their SAT exams each morning in the week beginning 13th May. Please ensure that the children are in school every day up to and during this week and that they are completing all their revision and homework between now and then. The children are being taught revision skills in school to help them and your support from home in encouraging revision is much appreciated. If you would like any advice/ tips on how to help your child with their revision, please speak to a member of the Y6 team who will be more than happy to help. We are talking to them about the importance of revising, sleeping and eating well and having 'down time' where they can just be children! Please speak to a member of the Y6 team if you would like any advice/ tips on how to help with revision or if you have any questions or concerns regarding the assessment period. Thank you.

Weather - Hopefully the nice weather is on its way (fingers crossed!) Can we ask that you please provide your child with a named water bottle so that they can keep hydrated in the warmer weather. They will also need a named sun hat and sun cream which they can use in school to keep them safe from the sun.

Emergency Contact numbers - Some of the contact numbers on our system are not in use. Please ensure that you provide an up to date contact number should we need to contact you in an emergency. You can just call in at the office to see Miss Bi or Mrs McNally to do this. Thank you!

Uniform - Just a reminder please that hair styles with shaved lines are **not allowed in school**. If your child comes to school with lines in their hair, we will contact you and ask you to collect them to have the lines removed. Also, for KS2 girls wearing the hijab, these should be plain in colour (black, grey, burgundy) and should not have diamantes or decorative designs on them. Please ensure the scarves sit on the shoulder, not below so as not to cover up the school uniform. As we move into the Summer term, you may choose to send your child to school in shorts/ summer dresses. Please refer to the uniform policy below to ensure the clothes meet our expectations for school uniform. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Sweatshirts & Cardigans - Burgundy with yellow stripe and school logo
Shirts - White polo shirt for Foundation Stage, White shirt for Key Stage 1 and 2
Tie -Key Stage 1 and 2
Skirts & Pinafore Dresses -Black or Grey
Trousers & Shorts - Black or Grey
Shalwar & Kameez -Burgundy or Black / Grey
Summer Dresses - Gold
Socks & Tights- White / Grey / Black
Shoes- Black only. Shoes only – no trainers, open toed sandals or knee high boots

Parents Evening – Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening last week. It was lovely to see so many of you and a pleasure discussing how fantastic your children are! Don't forget, the class teachers are available to meet with you to discuss your child after school most days. Just ask them for an appointment.

PTA – The next meeting will be at 2:15pm on Monday 8th April. We would love to see more parents there so come along and see how you can get involved.

Attendance – Be an attendance H.E.R.O – Here, Every day, Ready, On time! I think it says it all!

World Book Day – We had a fantastic day on World Book Day. The children had so much fun and helped us remind them about the magic of reading. Check out the school story on Class dojo. If you are not signed up to class dojo, please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to help get you set up. It is a great way of keeping up to date with what is going on in school and in your child's class.



CHERISH Values – Integrity is a value that we are working really hard on in school at the moment. We are working with the children to help them to understand that we must always do what is right, even when it is difficult. We talk about character development and how integrity shapes the type of person that you are. We are so proud of how many of the children act with integrity – day in and day out but we must never take it for granted. We tell the children that integrity is "Always doing the right thing, even when nobody is watching."

Local Elections – Just a reminder that school will be **closed on Thursday 2nd May** due to being used as a polling station for the local elections. Due to the number of people expected to turn up for voting, it will not be possible to keep the school open for children and to ensure their safety as the gates and doors will be open for the day. A reminder to Y6 parents that we will be holding Maths and English lessons for the Y6 children in preparation for their SATs.

Communication – As always, communication is very important to us. If we are doing something great, please tell us. Likewise, if you think there is something we can improve on, please tell us this too. Your opinions and concerns are very important to us and you are warmly encouraged to speak to us and let us know.



Prayer Corner - A prayer for integrity;

Dear Lord, Help us to act with integrity at all times, even when it is difficult to do so. Guide us to make the right choices to help make the world a better place to live in. We ask this Lord in your name, Amen.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 2 nd April	Spring Outcome Afternoon – PM – Parent's welcome
Tuesday 2 nd April	Yr1-l2 Conkers Trip
Monday 8 th April	Entries for Easter Egg Decorating Competition to be in
Tuesday 9 th April	Yr1-l1 Conkers Trip
Thursday 11 th April	KS1 and Foundation Stage Easter Bonnet Parade 1:30pm
Friday 12 th April	Easter Service gam School closes for Easter Holidays
Monday 29 th April	School opens
Summer Term...	
Thursday 2 nd May	Voting Day – School closed for pupils (Y6 in AM)
Monday 6 th May	May Day – School closed
w/c 13 th May	Y6 SATS week
Tuesday 14 th May	Nursery-N1 Uttoxeter Trip
Friday 17 th May	Nursery-N2 Uttoxeter Trip
Tuesday 21 st May	Happy Shoesday Fundraiser- Please bring a £1
w/c 10 th June	Phonics Screening week
Tuesday 11 th June	Early Years Foundation Stage Induction morning
Thursday 20 th June	Foundation Stage and KS1 Sports Day
Friday 21 st June	KS2 Sports Day
Monday 24 th June	Reception-R1 Zoo Trip
Tuesday 25 th June	Reception-R2 Zoo Trip
Monday 1 st – Wednesday 3 rd July	Y6 Residential – Acorn Adventure
Thursday 4 th July	Summer Fayre 3-5pm
Wednesday 10 th July	Y6 Show (evening performance)
Thursday 11 th July	Y6 Show (morning performance)
Friday 12 th July	Y6 Prom (evening)
Friday 19 th July	School closes for Summer Holidays