



Loving and Learning Together With God

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and are ready for another exciting term in school. The children are very keen to be back and have settled into school life again quickly.

Attendance

As you will be aware, attendance and punctuality are a key focus for us as a school at the moment.



You should have all received your child's attendance score for the autumn term and if not, then please ask at the office for a copy.

We are working hard with Attend EDC to improve attendance and punctuality at school as unfortunately, there are a small, but growing number of parents who are regularly late in bringing their children to school. This is not fair on the children as they are missing out on valuable teaching and learning time.

If you require any support or assistance in improving either your child's attendance or punctuality, then please do not hesitate to pop into school for an informal chat and if we can assist in any way, then we will.

Staff News

It is with great pleasure that I can inform you that Mrs Cohen, our Nursery teacher, and her husband, have been successful in their bid to become adoptive parents. Mrs Cohen will be finishing on Friday 5th February to begin her adoption leave and I am delighted to welcome Mrs Kay Kirkham, a very experienced Early Years teacher, to our Beresford team and who will cover as Nursery teacher whilst Mrs Cohen is on her adoption leave. Mrs Kirkham is currently working alongside Mrs Cohen and Mrs Billings in the Nursery and getting to know all of the children.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Cohen and her husband on this wonderful news and exciting new addition to their family.



Headlice

Could I ask that **ALL** parents check their child's hair regularly for headlice and treat accordingly.

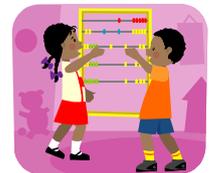
Nobody wants them and there is nothing more frustrating than finding them in your child's hair. Most of our parents are great and treat hair straight away but this treatment must be continued for the next seven days, with treatment for the whole family, including parents, if it is to eliminate all eggs and lice completely.

It is only by making a joint effort and **ALL** parents treating their child's hair as soon as they see them, that we can reduce the number of outbreaks in our school.

If you would like any help or advice on the treatment of headlice, then please pop into the school office to pick up a leaflet or we can put you in touch with the school nurse. Thank you

Nursery Places

If your child was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 then they are eligible to **15 hours free** nursery provision per week.



Application forms need to be completed on-line at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions for children due to start Nursery in September 2016.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you that we now offer Wraparound provision in our Nursery so that children can attend for full days if parents so wish.

Afternoons £8 per session

Or £32 for a Full Week

If you, or someone you know, has a child that is eligible then please ensure you apply on-line. Paper copies can be collected from the office if you are unable to apply on-line.

The closing date for applications is **Monday 7th March 2016.**



School Dinners

We have been informed that Chartwells, the company that provide the school meals service for schools, will be increasing the price of school meals from April 2016.

Meals will increase by 5 pence per meal to £2.15 per meal or £10.75 per week.



100% Attendance

As you know we offer prizes for pupils who have 100% attendance for the whole school year. Well done to the fantastic 49 pupils who achieved 100% attendance for the autumn term and are well on track to go in the prize draw for a £50 voucher to spend at Argos at the end of the year.

Remember, all pupils that have 100% attendance will automatically earn a £10 Argos voucher to spend as a thank you for their commitment to attendance at our school.



Topic Leaflets

You should have received a Topic leaflet this week from your child's class teacher informing you of your child's focus for learning this term and ideas for ways in which you can help support their learning at home.

We hope these leaflets are useful to you and any feedback would be appreciated.



Dates for your Diary

Here are some important dates for your diary for this term:



- * **Green Class Trip**
Wednesday 3rd February
- * **Valentine Disco**
Thursday 11th February
- * **HALF TERM**
Mon 15th February - Fri 19th February
- * **World Book Day - Pyjama day**
Thursday 3rd March
- * **Parents Evening**
Thursday 17th March 3pm-7pm
- * **Easter Craft Morning**
Monday 21st March am - Reception Class
Tuesday 22nd March am - Nursery Class
- * **Easter Service at St Pauls 9.15am**
Wednesday 23rd March
- * **'Wear a Hat Day' for Brain Tumour Research**
Thursday 24th March
- * **School closes for Easter**
Thursday 24th March 3.30pm
- * **School re-opens**
Monday 11th April

If you need to contact us please call:

01538 483245

Or contact the office on:

office@beresford.staffs.sch.uk



More details about all of the above events will be sent out nearer to the time.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Quinn

Headteacher