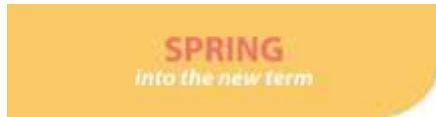




Belleville Wix Academy

7th January 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,



It has been lovely seeing you back at school this week after the Christmas holiday and I hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas. I know that many of your plans changed due to COVID19 but you tried to make the best of the situation you found yourselves in.



COVID19

Thank you for completing a lateral flow test on your child before they returned to school this week, especially as they were quite difficult to get at times. You may have noticed that it has been a little quiet at the start of the school day. We have 20% of pupils absent, mostly due to COVID19. At the end of term we had significant staff absence due to teaching staff testing positive for COVID19 as well. Testing regularly to identify asymptomatic cases and not coming onsite with symptoms will help us reduce the transmission within our school community.

Please also ensure pupils wear layers to school so they are comfortable in the classroom and outside at playtimes. We are keeping classroom and hall windows open to improve air ventilation throughout the day.



Revised start of day times

We feel that the revised start of school day times are working well. Thank you so much for making the effort to remember the change and ensuring your child is in school on time. Lessons start the minute pupils get into class so every minute counts. Five minutes late every day, is equivalent to 25 minutes lost learning every week. A pupil who arrives late also misses important information shared at the start of the lesson and they can find it harder to settle. Of course I know that there are mornings when something happens at home that may result in you running late. On these occasions having a calm start to the day may be more important than rushing to get to school on time, it depends on each situation.

Please remember that pupils who arrive after their allocated time are late and need to enter through the main school office. For safeguarding reasons, any pupil who is late must be accompanied by an adult to the office until they are handed over to a member of school staff. This is the responsibility of the adult accompanying the child in the morning.



Maths Workshops - Tuesday 11th January

We are always keen to ensure you know what your child is learning at school and how you can support them at home. To start the year, we are inviting you to attend one of two maths workshops next week. These workshops will give you a great

understanding of how we teach maths at BWA and will give you tips for supporting your children at home.

The first workshop will run from 1:30 - 2:30pm and the second from 6:30 - 7:30pm. These workshops will be facilitated by our Trust Director of Maths - Karen Taylor. I do hope you can join us for this event.

Educational Experiences

At BWA we are always looking for opportunities to enhance learning experiences for every pupil. During the pandemic some of these experiences are virtual and some are face to face. Teachers have been booking a number of trips and visitors for our pupils this term and we hope they can go ahead as planned. Unfortunately we have had to postpone one so far. If you have visited somewhere or heard of an experience that may be of interest to us, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Reception Entry 2022

We have been showing prospective parents around our school in small groups. It has been lovely to hear so many of them talk about the families they know at BWA who recommended they have a look at what happens at our school. I would like to thank you for your continuous support. It makes such a difference. The deadline for applications for pupils starting reception in September 2022, is the 15th of January.

Healthy Snacks

Pupils really benefit from having a snack between their breakfast and lunch. Pupils in the EYFS and Year 1 get a free piece of fruit or vegetable each day for their morning snack. If your child is in Y2 – 6, please do provide them with a healthy snack to enjoy during the morning break.

With my very best wishes for a peaceful and healthy 2022.

Miss Henry

Headteacher