

A warm welcome back to a new school year, we hope that you all had an enjoyable summer break despite the weather being unsettled.

The year/term has started very positively and it has been pleasing to see the children return with enthusiasm and keenness to learn and settle into their classes. We hope that you have found the 'meet the teacher' events useful in not only seeing the classroom but also finding out about the curriculum and expectations. We also extend a welcome to our new EYFS pupils and their families.

As you will have seen from my earlier parent mail, we were delighted to receive our final Ofsted report last week which we are incredibly proud of. The comments of the inspector truly reflect our school and our commitment to ensuring that all our pupils have a positive learning experience.

With clubs starting this week and an overwhelming interest in our music lesson offer along with a range of PTA events, scheduled trips, charity events and Christmas celebrations, this term looks set to be super busy. Please do keep an eye on your

## Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

**Teacher postcard:** Morris Class (Y1), George, Lottie, Sarnaee,

Harry K, Harry B, Emilia, Isabelle, Jacob, Isla (Y1) Ollie (Y4)

**Swimming:** Isla (Y1) Isabelle (Y2) Jenson, Elise (Y3) Gabe (Y4)

**Pen Licence:** Harry, Lillie-Rose, Nicole, Will (Y5) Ayla (Y3)

**Zoo Keeper:** Maisie (Y4)

**Athletics:** Aria – 10km (Y3) Fin – Big Mile (Y4)

**Summer Reading Challenge:** Ruby, George, Lily, Bethany (Y1) Logan, Jasper, Sahvan (Y2) Elise (Y3) Fin, Skye (Y4) Rohan (Y5)



## Diary Dates:

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September** – Nursery pupils start

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 4 residential parent meeting at 2:50pm

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September** – PTA fitness day

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** – Jeans for Genes Day (further information to follow)

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Together



## Pupil Voice:

Read what our pupils have to say about their first few weeks back...

Sam (Y5) *'I have enjoyed my start to Year 5 and my favourite part so far is discovering how long it takes for different planets to orbit the sun'*

Daisy (Y2) *'I like it. We do a bit more work but it is interesting. It's all new and I have really enjoyed coming back to school, seeing my friends and meeting my new teacher'.*

Neve (Y1) *'I really like year 1, there are lots of challenges which are fun!'*

## Community Links: Children's University:

The start of the new school year is a great time to sign your child up for the Children's University. The Children's University is an award programme that encourages children aged between 5 to 14 to get involved in lots of exciting activities to develop their knowledge and skills whilst increasing their aspirations for the future by participating in extra-curricular activities.

Louise Chalkley will be visiting Belmont again to lead a pupil assembly on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

We are also offering a free CU passport to any pupil who is pupil premium or eligible for the Free School Meal credit. More information can be found:

<https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/london-south-east-childrens-university/about-programme>

## Notices:



### Parking:

You will have noticed the new double yellow lines at the front of the school. Please ensure that you do not park on the lines when dropping off or collecting. Their installation has been supported by school as a strategy to keep traffic moving and increase safety around the school site.

### Save the Date:

Our autumn term parent/teacher consultations will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Information about the booking process will follow later this term.

### Homework:

Homework will be shared from next week following the transfer of classes on Google Classroom

## Attendance and Punctuality:

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils. 

This year we continue to have high attendance aspirations for all pupils and have set our whole school attendance target at 96%.

Our attendance last week was 95.6% which is above national but just below our own target. Our attendance for this week was 98.1% which is above our target and national – well done Belmont!

Last week, the highest attendance was in Gormley Class with 99.3% attendance. Well done to the pupils in Gormley Class. This week the highest attendance goes Matisse class who had attendance of 100%. Well done to all of the pupils in Matisse Class.

Parents are reminded, term time holidays are not authorised and will result in a fine.