



BEAUFORT SCHOOL
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20th October 2022

Dear Families,

We seem to have quickly come to the end of our first half-term of this academic year. It has been a really busy time settling your children into their new classes and getting back to the routines of the school day after the summer holidays. Thank you for your support this term, I am on the door every morning as our children come into school and it is lovely to see them come in so happy and eager for the new day. I appreciate the effort that goes in to getting them ready in the mornings when there is so much to juggle with the whole family.

School transport was quite disrupted at the start of term with many changes to routes. In addition, the roadworks on Stechford Road outside school had an impact on arrival times of vehicles particularly at the end of the school day. Thankfully things are much more settled now which is better for the children.

As we have moved into Autumn the school has been affected by lots of coughs, colds and covid. In addition to pupils having to stay at home as a consequence of having coughs and sneezes, last week we had a quarter of our staff absent through illness. When we can we use additional staff from agencies with measures in place to upskill them about the needs of the children in the class although clearly new adults in the room is unsettling for the children. I do understand that it can be very difficult for parents when we ask for children to be kept off school and we value your support in trying to keep our school as germ free as possible.

Annual Reviews of children's Education, Health and Care Plans begin after half term from Monday 7th November so parents will start to get invitations soon. Parents' Evening is on 16th November giving families the opportunity to meet with your child's class staff. In the same week we will be celebrating Children in Need on Friday 18th November, the theme this year is Odd Sock Day. From 1st December our countdown to Christmas begins with Jolly Jumper Day in aid of Birmingham Children's Hospital on Friday 9th December.

A reminder: Monday 31st October is a training day for staff so we are closed for pupils.

We hope that everyone has a good half-term break. Unfortunately the Indian summer that we were being promised for the weekend doesn't look as though it will arrive instead the weather forecast is for rain for most of next week.

We look forward to seeing all of our pupils back at school on Tuesday 1st November.

Best wishes,
Judith