

# Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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## Dates for your Diary

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Term Dates 2024-25

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024							December 2024						
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School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
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### Upcoming Events

- 10.09.24 – Individual school photos
- 16.09.24 – Activity clubs start
- 17.09.24 – Year 2 maths workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am
- 27.09.24 – Year 1 phonics and reading workshop for parents, 9.15am
- 30.09.24 – Reception phonics and reading workshop for parents, 9.15am
- 01.10.24 – Year 3/4 reading workshop for parents, 9.15am
- 08.10.24 – Flu immunisations in school
- 08.10.24 – Parents' evening
- 09.10.24 – parents' evening
- 10.10.24 – Year 3/4 maths workshop for parents, 9.15am
- 11.10.24 – Year 1 maths workshop for parents, 9.15am
- 23.10.24 – Reception maths workshop for parents, 9.15am
- 25.10.24 – Break up for half term
- 04.11.24 – Children return to school
- 05.11.24 – Year 1 Celebration Day for parents, 9.15am
- 13.11.24 – Early Years Celebration Day for parents, 9.15am
- 14.11.24 – Year 5/6 maths workshop for parents, 9.15am
- 26.11.24 – Year 5/6 reading workshop for parents, 9.15am
- 18.12.24 – Children's Christmas lunch
- 19.12.24 – Class parties
- 20.12.24 – Last day of term, 2pm finish

## News and Reminders

Welcome back to all our Bessemer families, and a very warm welcome to all of our new families! We hope you have had a restful summer and are excited about the new year ahead.

### **Uniform**

It is fantastic to see that nearly all children have returned for the new year wearing full uniform. We expect all children to wear uniform every day, consisting of plain navy bottoms (black is acceptable if you can't get navy), a white shirt or polo t-shirt and a red jumper, cardigan or fleece. On PE days children should still wear plain navy (or black) bottoms such as leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms, with either their white polo t-shirt or a Bessemer house t-shirt and their usual school jumper or cardigan. Trainers must be worn on PE days. Children are not allowed to wear jewelry other than stud earrings to school.

### **Lost Property**

We have a huge amount of lost property in school at the moment, after clearing the cloakrooms during the holiday. This will be kept in school next week and then disposed of so please come and look for your child's missing items! Lost property is stored outside the office.

Please remember to name all of your child's clothing items and belongings as named items are nearly always returned to their owners.

### **School Photos**

The children will be having their individual school photos taken on Tuesday. We are no longer able to organize sibling group photos, however the photographers will be available in the school hall between 8am and 9am, if you would like your child to have their photo taken with their siblings you can bring them in at this time. After their photo children must remain in your care until the gates open unless they are booked into Breakfast Club.

### **Activity Clubs**

Don't forget that after school activity clubs open for booking at 4pm today, the details of the clubs available were emailed out on Wednesday. Please only book one club per child during this round of bookings, further clubs can be booked when the second round of bookings opens on Thursday.

### **Knowledge Organisers and Topic Homework**

Yesterday you should have received your child's knowledge organiser and homework for their current topic. Knowledge organisers provide information about the topic your child is learning about in history or geography this half term and are great to share at home so that you can get involved in your child's wider curriculum learning. Topic homework is optional and involves fun activities and suggestions of places to visit to deepen your child's understanding of their topic. If children complete topic homework they can share it in school to earn gems for their house. Homework can be completed in the scrap book provided, or uploaded to Google Classroom (when it is up and running, we're not quite ready yet!).

### **Snacks**

Children in Key stage 2 (Years 3-6) are encouraged to bring in a mid-morning snack from home as the fruit that they are given in Early Years and Key Stage 1 is not available for Key Stage 2. Snacks must only be fruit, vegetables, plain bread sticks or plain rice cakes. We are aware that there are other healthy snack options but snacks need to be quick and mess free and teachers do not have time to check children's snacks, so we are keeping it simple!

All children are allowed to bring a small after-school snack if they are attending an activity club, these snacks should follow packed lunch guidance, no crisps, chocolate bars, cake or sweets please.



## Sharing Children's Learning

### Demonstrating our core value of being *Self Aware and Supportive*

This week some classes enjoyed fun relaxation sessions with one of our parents, Bianca, who very kindly ran Yoga Club last year. This year Bianca is running Wellbeing clubs for Key Stage 2 children. The clubs will use stories, music and movement to explore topics such as self-esteem, managing emotions and friendships, followed by a soothing guided relaxation, so if your child is interested, sign up today!



### Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **wise**. Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word and try using it in different ways in sentences. You could try adding a prefix to make a new word, **unwise**. You could also research the origins of the word and see if you can think of any related words with the same origin.

Try to use the word of the week as much as possible so that it becomes part of your child's vocabulary. Children will receive gems in school for using the word in their speech and writing and for explaining its meaning and origin.

### F@B Update

Welcome back Bessemer families! In this section of the school newsletter you can find information about our school PTA and the events and fundraising that we have planned for the school.

We are delighted to share that last year we raised a record-breaking amount with over £53,000 from lots of events, activities, raffles and appeals! This is something for the whole school community to be very proud of!

All this funding gives much-needed help for the school: it supports music, trips, science week, school playground equipment, reading, plus more learning and fun 😊.

All parents are welcome to join our friendly F@B parent WhatsApp team where we share ideas, volunteer call-outs and more: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Cxu6gD0zwiKlvDEeaExtic>

Key plans for this term include:

continuing our **Playground Equipment** appeal (over £1500 already raised!): <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/playground-appeal-2024>  
organising a **Fun Run** in a few weeks - watch this space!  
running a **Winter Fair** on Saturday 14 December

Plus LOTS more besides!

### Online Safety Tip of the Week

#### **How do parents keep their children safe online?**

If you worry about how to keep your child safe when they are online, or even if you have not previously given it much thought, it is worth taking a look at the UK Safer Internet Centre's guide for parents.

They share useful advice about how parents can keep children safe on a range of devices: games consoles, laptops, tablets, smart speakers, mobile phones & smart TVs.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



Have a great weekend!

*Elizabeth*



Southwark Children and Family Centres  
Peckham, Peckham Rye and Nunhead

# INCREDIBLE YEARS AUTISM PROGRAMME

The Incredible Years Autism Programme offers great strategies for promoting children's language skills, school readiness, emotional self-regulation, social skills, empathy, and building positive relationships. It provides evidence-based strategies for parents and carers to enhance their parenting confidence and understanding of the valuable role that they play in promoting their children's development.

Starting Wednesday 25th  
September 2024 10am -12pm,  
every Wednesday for 14  
weeks

Book your place  
02038485780

Childrenscentre@ivydale.  
southwark.sch.uk



P E C K H A M

**ALL STARS**

NETBALL CLUB

Learn new skills, have fun, make new friends!

New season starts 19th September 2024

Then every Thursday during term time

6pm-7pm - Year 5 & 6

7pm-8pm - Year 7

Harris Academy Girls, Homestall Road SE220NR

For more information and to register your child's interest email

[peckhamallstarsnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:peckhamallstarsnetballclub@gmail.com)

stating their name, age and school from September





**THE PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK**



"The Saturday club has been a lifeline for my son. He has many friends and looks forward to going. He also uses the trampoline as a release of tension."

**AGES  
5-18**

# SEND SATURDAY SPORTS CLUB

**OPEN EVERY SATURDAY**  
(TERM TIME ONLY)

**OPEN TO SEND PUPILS IN  
SOUTHWARK**

For more information please contact Glyn and George via the emails below.

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The Saturday sports club runs through the year at Bacon's College. The club caters for SEND students of all disabilities between the ages of 5 - 18 years old. Each session lasts for 60 minutes.

There is a highly skilled and motivated team of 14 working at the club ranging from teachers, teaching assistants, coaches, and special needs specialists.

As well as improving fitness levels and health and wellbeing the club works on social skills such as listening skills, waiting, sharing, teamwork, individual work and focus.

Sports and activities change weekly - trampolining, nature trail and the gym for the older clients, volleyball, football, basketball, multi skills, tennis, cricket, badminton, boccia, new age curling, dance, parachute games, athletics, capoeira, etc.

**The club currently run in 4 different sessions:**

**Session 1: 10:30 - 11:30**

**Session 2: 11:30 - 12:30**

**Session 3: 12:30 - 13:30**

**Session 4: 14:00 - 15:00**

**Venue:**

Bacon's College, Timber Pond Road  
Rotherhithe, London  
SE16 6AT

**"The Network and Saturday Sports Club at Bacon's College has offered myself and family much-needed respite. Glyn, George and the team are very understanding and aware of my son's SEN needs: autism and ADHD."**

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