



**BEMERTON ST JOHN C.E.AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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Head Teacher: Mr Alun Richards • Deputy Head: Mrs Claire Pearce

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Dear Parent / Guardian,

**Year 6 Residential**

Year 6 are spending the week away in Liddington, Swindon, on their Year 6 residential. I hope they all enjoy their week away and it doesn't rain too much!

**Magna Learning Partnership**

Last Wednesday, our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils spent the morning working with Mr Barker from Trafalgar on coding using Raspberry Pi technology. Being part of MLP has allowed us to have this great free opportunity. The children loved their first session and are looking forward to more sessions over the next few weeks. Year 6 will also have this opportunity in term 6.

**Mrs Howell**

With Mrs Howell due to go on maternity leave during May, we have made some changes to our staffing structure. After the Easter Holidays, the revised staffing structure will be as below. Mrs Howell will remain in school until her maternity leave starts and will be working with children across Key Stage 1.

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Wrens	Mrs Ford	Mrs Picton and Mrs Hill
Robins	Mrs Lock	Mrs Hynes
Swallows	Miss Innes	Mrs Bennett
Kingfishers	Mrs Pearce (Mon, Tues) Mrs Highmore (Wed, Thurs, Fri)	Mrs Lingham
Woodpeckers	Mrs Skuse (Mon) Mrs Young (rest of the week)	Mrs Lever
Nightingales	Mr Price	Mrs Sanger
Eagles	Mrs Lawrence	Mrs Saykounk and Mr Hope





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### Parents' Forum

A question was raised around staff responding to emails. Please email [admin@bemerton-st-john.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bemerton-st-john.wilts.sch.uk) and my admin staff will pass any emails on to the teachers. Sometimes, if parents email staff, the email goes into the junk folder which is not always seen. Staff will respond as quickly as possible.

A parent asked about the time of day that the Sarum taster days for Year 4, 5 and 6. Mr Richards will pass on to Mr Curtis that a 9.15 start would benefit parents who have one than one child.

It was noted that school dinners have improved over time but it would be helpful if what was always on the menu was available. Mr Richards informed the parents that the school meal service contract is being reviewed.

The recent online safety issues that have appeared in the news was a talking point. Parents confirmed that they agree that parents should be observing what their children watch and it is a parents responsibility to talk about e-safety to their child more than the schools. The parents at the meeting liked the poster produced and was sent out about e-safety recently.

I can confirm that the school development plan and the schools curriculum will not change as a result of joining MLP. We are reviewing the skills progression in every subject in line with the expected Ofsted changes, however, only increased subject knowledge and better opportunities for enhancing the curriculum would be seen. The example of the children using Raspberry Pi technology in last weeks lessons was used.

### Author

Julia Edwards, our local author, spent Thursday in school working with the children on reading and writing last week. This was a great opportunity for the children to work on Character descriptions and improve the quality of their stories with a published author. I would like to thank her for her time and Miss Innes and the teachers for organising the session.

We are looking forward to seeing the school dressed up for **World Book day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.**

### Waste Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> March

Just a reminder that we are a Nut Free school so any waste products bought into school this week should not have contained any nut products at all.

Yours sincerely

Alun Richards

Head Teacher

