

**BEMERTON ST JOHN C.E.AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parent / Guardian

**Parents' Forum**

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June, at 2.15pm, I am holding a parents' forum meeting. This will be in the school hall and is open to all parents of the school. This is an opportunity to ask me any questions and for me to give you information about future initiatives. Refreshments will be available.

**GDPR**

Recently, we sent out new forms to parents asking about authorisation to take pictures or videos of the children within school, please return these urgently if you have not already done so. As a result of the new legislation and some parents not wanting pictures taken, we won't be able to video the Year 5 and Year 6 playhouse performances. The pictures will be taken by the playhouse as usual but only of those children who are allowed. As we are within the playhouse building, a reminder to parents, that no pictures or videos are allowed to be taken. Year 5 and Year 6 children will be performing on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets will be available shortly.

**Informal Parents Meeting**

On Wednesday 18th July, at 3.30pm, you will have the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher for September. Tea and coffee will be available in the hall.

**Continued Professional Development**

As a school, we are working with other Salisbury Heads and schools to gain more professional development opportunities for teaching staff in the area. This will be beneficial to all teaching professionals and save time from attending courses in Trowbridge and Devizes.

Last week, I was appointed as a Local Leader of Education for the Pickwick Teaching School. The aim of Local Leaders of Education is to increase the leadership capacity of other schools to help raise standards. This is one part of the government's plan to give schools a central role in developing a self-improving and sustainable school system. It also will benefit the school by having additional funding when either myself or my staff support another school.

**Fete**

Thank you to all who supported us this year. I would like to thank all the helpers who ensured it was another successful year, giving up their time weeks before the event as well as from 9am until 6pm on the fete day itself. A staggering £2523.54 was raised which will be used on the children within the school.

Yours sincerely,

Alun Richard

Headteacher