



Beulah Infant and Nursery School

Monday 23rd September 2024



Welcome back to a new school year! It was lovely to see all of our pupils return after the summer holidays, looking rested and eager to start learning. The children have all settled well into their new classes and have impressed all of their teachers. I would like to take this opportunity to give a very warm welcome to our lovely new children and their families. We are really looking forward to an exciting year ahead! The term has already got off to a flying start and we have many exciting events planned for the school year, so please keep an eye out for posters and newsletters as we will try to give you as much notice as possible. Our website is updated regularly with news, events and information so check frequently for updates: www.pegasusacademytrust.org. The website also has a translation tab for many different languages. If your language is not included please inform the school office. We use 'Studybugs' for all communications from school to home and for parents to report any absence due to illness. Please **download the free Studybugs app on your phone, or register on the Studybugs website using this link <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>**.

Safeguarding: Can I ask all parents not to park across our neighbours drives because they find it very frustrating when they are unable to access their own homes! Also, please can drivers ensure the safety of all our children by, avoiding double parking or making 'u' turns outside of the school gates because they both cause dangerous obstructions and limit visibility when the children are crossing the road. The junior school start time is from 8:30am and their gates close at 8:45am. Any junior children arriving after 8:45 will not be able to come through the infants gate as they are late and need to go through the junior school office to be registered. Finally, if you have changed any of your **contact details** over the holidays please let the school office know so we can update our records. Please also check that your two named emergency contacts are still correct.

Health & Safety and Medicines If your child has regular medication in school please check with the office that this is still in-date. Additionally, if your child is new to the school or has recently been prescribed medication that needs to be administered / kept in school please bring it to the office. We will also need any relevant paperwork and care plans for our records to ensure that our staff are aware of your child's medical needs.

Uniform: A big thank you to you all because the children all look very smart in their new uniforms and shoes. Can I just remind everyone that footwear should be black shoes or completely black trainers. There should be no other colours on footwear, including brand names and logos, unless they are also black. The children only need to bring their red school book bag into school each day - **no back packs please**. Please ensure that your child wears their PE kit to school on their PE day. Our PE kit is a plain white top, plain black shorts, plain black jogging bottoms and their normal school jumper. Children should bring their plimsolls in their book bag. To avoid your child losing their clothes, **ALL clothes must be labelled, including footwear**. Jewellery is unsafe in school and can cause injury to your child or one of their friends. However, if your child has their ears pierced small studs are allowed and much safer.

A plea: September is a time for new school beginnings but for the office staff in our schools it also brings one gigantic task. At the start of October, we must complete the school census on which our funding for the next school year is based. In a time where money in schools is as tight as it is at the moment it is crucial that we receive all the funding that we are entitled to and that's where we need your help. If you are currently entitled to any benefits or have ever been in the past a check of your National Insurance (NI) number will let us know if we can claim more funding. If you speak another language at home we need this information. We are also funded additional amounts for the number of children who speak different languages at our schools. If your child came to us from another school or nursery and they had help there for any kind of special educational need (SEN) then we need this information. Each one of these pieces of information means more money for the school which will be spent on your children. Please help us by supporting school staff as they seek to claim every penny that we are entitled to. We have one month to get this right and we value your support. Please also check that your two named contacts are still correct.

Macmillan Coffee Morning:
We would like to invite all of our parents / carers to come and join us in the school hall for coffee and cakes on Friday 27th September 9.00am in order to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. This is a great chance to come into the school, meet other parents, eat cake and support an incredibly worthwhile cause. **If you are able to donate cakes or biscuits (NUT FREE) please send these into school on Thursday 26th September.**

Attendance:

The Department for Education has published updates to its guidance for schools which came into effect in September 2024. Use this link to our website to view further important information from our attendance officer, Sonia Wesley. <https://www.pegasusacademytrust.org/attendance-2>.

'Team Around the School' (TAS):

The Local Authority has also set up a support team to support families with difficulties and challenges that they may be facing called 'Team Around the School' (TAS). The TAS presents the opportunity to improve integration and access to early help services. It delivers co-ordinated interventions through education settings to support students with emerging needs. The TAS provides an early help focus which seeks to reduce the likelihood of issues escalating and requirement for statutory services. The TAS is a partnership approach that our school will be utilising to assist us in finding useful approaches and resources to assist emerging challenges or issues experienced. This will allow us to discuss situations and circumstances in order to prevent difficulties from escalating and fully support our children and their families, the aim is to target resources both holistically and at the earliest possible stage. By taking this partnership approach, we will be able to identify potential issues and offer co-ordinated responses which support our children and their families, so together we can achieve positive changes. However, for the TAS to work at it's best we are asking that parents/carers who are contacted to provide consent as soon as possible so their child/children's information can be shared on a 'need to know' basis at the earliest opportunity, allowing for the best support and interventions to be put in place '

Applications for admissions to Reception September 2025

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 then you must apply asap for a reception place. **Apply online via www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions**. Please complete the application before the deadline to avoid disappointment. **The deadline is 15th January 2025.**

Applications for admissions to the Juniors September 2025

If your child is currently in Year 2 you must also apply for a junior place on line as above. **This deadline is also the 15th January 2025.**

Birthdays:

Due to the high number of food allergies in our school, we will only give out birthday bags, which contain **non-food** items. Our preference would be a book donation for the class to share to celebrate a child's birthday. This is also a much cheaper outlay for families.



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