

Questions and Answers from the Year 1 Parents Meeting



When will after school clubs begin again?

We are pleased that extra curricular clubs will begin again soon. There will be more information to follow as the details are finalised.

When will individual music lessons begin again?

Ben, our music tutor, has started his individual paid lessons again. If you'd be interested in your child receiving individual music tuition, please enquire at the front office.

Can the children have nuts as healthy snacks?

Begbrook is a nut free school so we ask that children do not bring in nuts or products that contain nuts such as Nutella.

Do you teach maths as well as phonics?

The children have a maths lesson each day alongside phonics and unit learning.

Do year 1 children learn languages at Begbrook Primary Academy (BPA)?

At BPA, the children learn languages in KS2 and will begin to learn Spanish in year 3.

How does the school support a child that is working ahead of their peers?

In this case, the class teacher would assess the child's ability and provide them with additional challenge in the work. This may be through the teacher's targeted questioning or the teacher may provide extension tasks. We would work with the child to deepen their knowledge of the concept being taught.

How do we get access to new books on Bug Club?

We are in the process of updating the log in details for the children now that they're in year 1. We will provide more information on this as soon as new classes have been

uploaded successfully. In the meantime, please practise their sounds using the flashcards acquired at the parents meeting.

How can we inspire our children to read at home?

Children often avoid reading if they have gaps in their phonics knowledge as they perceive it as 'too hard' or 'boring'. Step one of motivating your child with reading would be to support their phonic knowledge. This will empower them to read as they begin to find it easier. We would encourage parents to work alongside the class teacher to motivate your child to read. We can reinforce this using the gem system or create an individualised approach for the child if needed.

How do the children select their lunch?

During the register at the beginning of the day, the teacher asks each child what they are having for lunch. This is then ordered for them using our school system. If you have pre-ordered your child's meal at home using SCOpay, that appears on our system and shows the meal that you have selected.

What do each of the gem powers mean?

Please see the gem poster at the bottom of this letter.

Thank you for attending our information session. If you were unable to attend our Y1 meeting, please collect a pack of flashcards from your child's class teacher 

Kind regards,

The Year 1 Team

Begbrook Gem Powers



I know which problems I can solve myself
I question my teacher so I understand
I can use resources to help me solve problems
I know which problems an adult can help me with

I am responsible
I am organised
I try to find solutions



I can manage distractions
I stay focused
I defeat the monster distractions
I focus on the most important things in the moment

I listen to others
I use the sitting position
I don't procrastinate



I am brave enough to have a go
I know mistakes are opportunities to learn
I can manage disappointment
I am able to label my emotions

I have bouncebackability
I control my own emotions
I am resilient



I can show empathy to others
I know the power of a 'smile'
I show respect and tolerance

I listen and value others
I praise and help others
I perform acts of kindness



I collaborate with others to achieve more than I could on my own
I cooperate with others and can share and compromise
I contribute my fair share
I can work with diverse groups of people

I can be a leader
I can be led



I find connections and make links
I recall key concepts and information
I check my understanding by reasoning
I summarise my learning to help it make sense

I can identify patterns
I test myself
I answer questions



I set long term goals and work towards them
I am relentless with my effort over time
I practice to improve
I show commitment

I am not a quitter
I embrace feedback
I am determined



I control my voice
I speak in full sentences
I can use the correct vocabulary
I use excellent grammar when talking
I use my words to communicate my thoughts and ideas

I can build on others' points
I stand to speak when appropriate
I ask a range of questions
I use words to express my feelings

I can speak formally



I respect other people's personal space
I follow adult instructions on where I need to go
I use catch it, bin it, kill it to stop germs spreading
I clean my hands and surfaces carefully and often

I only play with children in my bubble