



# Baskerville School Newsletter



27 January 2017

## LEGO Club

A new lunchtime LEGO club has started this Thursday with Richard, one of our teachers, who has undergone training to use the activities as a tool to improve the social communication skills of students with learning difficulties. The club will meet weekly on Thursdays in 8-10 week blocks.

The aim is to build students' social and communication skills, through the use of LEGO, working in small groups where participating students take on different roles and work together. Key skills practised are: attention, listening, descriptive language, increasing sentence length and team work.

LEGO Therapy has been systematically evaluated in research studies and has been shown to support young people with Autism.

Donations of LEGO blocks to the club are welcome. Please send in any LEGO sets or blocks that are still in good and clean condition to school for the attention of Richard Wrigley.



## Top Kitchen

Congratulations and well done to Jason, our school chef and Karen, his assistant for being awarded the top Food Hygiene Rating by the Food Standards Agency.

The '5' rating was awarded after two inspectors turned up unannounced during lunchtime on 13 January and did a thorough inspection of our school kitchen. Thank you to Jason and Karen for all the hard work they have done throughout the year!



## TERM DATES

### Spring Term

Tuesday 3.1.17 to Friday 17.2.17

### HALF TERM

Tuesday 28.2.17\* to Friday 7.4.17

\* Staff training day on Monday 27.2.17.

School will be closed to students.

### Summer Term

Tuesday 25.4.17\* to Friday 26.5.17

### HALF TERM

Monday 5.6.17 to Tuesday 25.7.17

\* Staff training day on Monday 24.4.17 (to be confirmed).

School will be closed to students.

(Students will go home at 2:30pm on the last day of term.)

## Pantomime



A total of 22 students from Baskerville School supported by their family or residential staff attended the relaxed performance of Dick Whittington yesterday (26 January). We are very grateful to Birmingham Hippodrome for organising relaxed performances for people with special needs and providing free tickets to our students and their supporting families / school staff on this occasion.

It was the first experience of a theatre production for many of our students and we hope that they and their families will be encouraged to attend other performances at the Hippodrome and also access other leisure activities in the community.



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