



Belmont Primary School Newsletter September 4th 2020



Dear Parents / Carers,

I can honestly say that this week has been absolutely fantastic! From the perspective of us all here, it has been terrific to have been working once again with the children who, it has to be said, are full of real vigour and enthusiasm on their return to school. For most children, this will have been their first time in school since March and I can assure you that they have adapted almost instantly.

Arrivals and Departures to and From School

Firstly, many thanks to you all for your patience in working with our arrival and departure systems. The staggered starts and finishes are obviously in place as precautionary measures and to alleviate potential crowding in any given area at any given time. However, we have always stated that if we were not fully satisfied with the arrangements we have in place then we would seek to adapt them. With this in mind, it is felt that having four start and finish times is causing some degree of disruption both to families with children who have different 'staggered times' as well as the classes. Having had careful discussions, we feel that we can increase efficiency and also convenience by reducing this to just two start and finish times which we will implement from Monday 7th September. Because the maximum difference between 'stagers' is now only ten minutes, there should be no need for anybody to leave or attend earlier or later than their allotted time. It is important that these times are adhered to, again to help reduce the amount of people on site at any one time:

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START TIME	8.40am	8.50am	8.40am	8.50am	8.40am	8.50am	8.40am
FINISH TIME	3.00pm	3.10pm	3.00pm	3.10pm	3.00pm	3.10pm	3.00pm

Diary Dates

These were sent out previously but I have attached them once again for your information. You will note that we have taken the decision to cancel the curriculum meetings for obvious reasons and other events are also to be confirmed. We live in an ever changing climate at the moment and as such, we cannot confirm whether certain events will be taking place or not. We will, as always, keep you informed at all times and at the earliest possible opportunity.

We are looking to send out the curriculum overview letters prior to the date shown to provide you with necessary information at the earliest opportunity.

Mrs Noble

Over the past few years, Mrs Noble has been studying incredibly hard out of school. It is a pleasure to let you all know that, in May, it was confirmed that she had been highly successful and has achieved the award of her PhD. As a result of this, our Deputy Headteacher is now Dr Noble. I am sure you will join us in congratulating Dr Noble on this tremendous achievement!

Homework

We are currently discussing how homework will be set, looking to ensure that nobody feels compromised by exercise books going between home and school on a regular basis. We do feel that there is value to home learning tasks and we do still have access to the online platforms used during the so called 'lockdown' period. Once we have decided how we intend to proceed, we shall let you know in due course.

Once again, many thanks for your support this week and I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr C Gibson