



# Belmont Primary School Newsletter October 23rd 2020



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the end of the first half term of the school year! I think it fair to say that this, more than any other I can recall in many years of teaching, has provided us with a range of challenges to contend with but, between all of us, I think we have managed well!

#### Mrs Hugill

Children in Reception, along with their parents and carers, will be aware that Mrs Hugill will be leaving us today to start her maternity leave. We obviously wish her well over the coming weeks. We will be joined by Miss Mallett who has worked in the school a number of times before. Miss Mallett will be working in Reception on Thursdays and Fridays and then in different areas of the school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mrs Hughes will be in the Reception class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

#### Attendance

Although there is no longer any competitive element to this, last week across the school we had 98% attendance with one class achieving 100%. Well done to everybody across the school in showing real commitment to coming into school, especially over the past couple of weeks when real fatigue has started to set in. Many thanks too for keeping us informed if your child is unable to attend school for any reason.

#### And Finally.....

On a personal note, I have been overwhelmed by the resilience and determination shown by all of the children across the school, adapting to the changes we have had to make whilst showing a real desire to achieve in all that they do. I would also like to thank parents and carers for all their support in working with the new arrangements within the school and finally to all members of staff who work in the school. The amount of work, effort and energy that this term has required has almost been beyond comprehension; there has certainly not been a great deal of 'down time' between when the children come into school in the morning and when they leave in the afternoon.

#### Poppy Appeal

Next half term, poppies and other merchandise will be on sale in school. As well as poppies, there are also other items which come with a suggested donation (poppies do not have this): Zip pull: 50p; Small reflective poppy (to attach to bag etc): 50p; wristband: £1.00; wrist 'snap band': £1.50. This will be done by a member of staff as they are permitted to cross into other 'bubbles'.

I do hope that, as far as is permitted, you manage to have an enjoyable and most importantly, restful half term, something every single one of you deserves.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'C. Gibson'.

Mr C Gibson