



# Belmont Primary School Newsletter September 25th 2020



Dear Parents / Carers,

Yet another week has passed us by and we have seen the very best and very worst of what the September elements can throw at us! Perhaps that is the best place to start.....

At this time of the year, please do ensure that your child / children attend school with appropriate clothing for the prevailing weather conditions as we are keen to take the children outside for a break where weather permits. With this in mind, children will be going outside in light rain not, of course, in the torrential downpours we experienced on Wednesday of this week.

### Keeping Safe On The School Site

As we are all acutely aware, there are heightened restrictions coming into force in the wider society. Whilst this does not directly affect the daily operations within school, there are some things which we can continue to implement to help ensure the health of all of our community:

Firstly, could we ask that only **one** person per family undertakes the dropping off and picking up. The more we can restrict the number of people on site, the greater amount of distance we can keep between one another, with the obvious benefits this will bring;

Secondly, please do not block the classroom exits and please do leave an appropriate distance between yourselves and the class teachers at the beginning and end of the day. It really is not necessary to see the children right up to the door itself and, as mentioned in the previous two letters, if there is a real need to speak to a member of staff, please make a telephone appointment.

When leaving the site, we are aware that the exit gate can get a bit congested. However, could we ask that you are patient and maintain social distancing as you leave and also at all other times whilst on site.

Finally, the office reception area is not a waiting area! If you need to wait for your child / children, then the playground is the place to do this.

### The Most Important Thing.....

We continue to be incredibly proud of the attitude, behaviour and commitment of the children in school. They continue to come into school with a real enthusiasm for learning and displaying great fortitude in responding to the tasks and challenges being set for them. Fantastic effort!

### Assembly

I did say that we would be attempting a virtual assembly and I am pleased to say that it all seemed to work. I did feel rather odd addressing over three hundred children from a room where it was only myself and a laptop, but it was a great way for everybody to come together. We will now make this a weekly event.

### Attendance

The attendance across the school last week stood at 97.5%. This was fairly consistent across the classes.

Finally, once again, many thanks for all of your support during these times. For me, it is a pleasure to speak with so many of you at dropping off and picking up times, even if it is pouring with rain!

As always, we would like to wish you all a pleasant, enjoyable and restful weekend and hopefully the weather might improve just a touch!

Yours Sincerely,

Mr C Gibson