



Belmont Primary School Newsletter November 6th 2020



Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you all managed to have a pleasant half term break.

Enhanced Restrictions

We are all now well aware of the enhanced restrictions announced on Saturday and the additional measures which are being taken society-wide. At school, we have made some changes in response to this in order to support the drive to return to increased autonomy in times to come. Most of these were outlined in the letter sent earlier this week and in response to that, I have to thank you all for your support in wearing face coverings and restricting time spent on site.

Following 'guidance' which came through at 5pm Wednesday (that is less than twenty four hours prior to the enhanced restrictions), we have also had to suspend Mr Sweetman's after school multi sports clubs (Guy's Sports' as it is affectionately known). This will come as a massive disappointment for many of you and the children, something we share. Rest assured, as soon as these current restrictions are lifted, the club will be reinstated immediately. Any money which has already been paid will simply be 'rolled over' to when the club recommences.

I would also like to clear up any confusion in relation to the PD Days. **Friday 27th November is no longer a PD Day** and the children will be expected in school for the reasons stated in the earlier letter. **Monday 30th November, the school will be closed to the children** as staff are receiving training on that day. This does mean that we have another school closure to arrange prior to the end of the school year and will inform you of this at the earliest possible opportunity.

Remember also that we have planned PD Days for 26th November and 29th November next year, 2021, for those who like to book ahead.

Parent Telephone Conversations

We hope that you found these calls useful and from the feedback I have received from staff, parents and carers, these were found to be of benefit. Remember, we will be sending home reports for children in Year One to Year Six towards the end of the term.

School Lunches

Many thanks to all those who have responded to our new menus which will operate from Monday. Please do be aware that, unless your child has specific dietary needs, the choices are not able to be adapted as some of you have requested. I am sure you will all appreciate the many reasons for this. The menu for week beginning 16th November will be sent through this coming Monday 9th November.

Children In Need

Next Friday 13th November is Children in Need Day. Children are welcome to attend school in non uniform for a donation of one pound. This will be payable on the day and not through ParentPay. If the money could be placed in a small, named envelope, this would be very much appreciated.

And Finally.....

In spite of the restrictions, I hope you manage to make the very best of the weekend and it is worth remembering, the sooner we all adhere to the regulations, the sooner we will all be able to return to a society which looks slightly more familiar than the one we are currently experiencing.

Yours Sincerely,

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

Mr C Gibson