



Belmont Primary School Newsletter December 11th 2020



Dear Parents / Carers,

We have now very nearly reached the end of the term and the winter weather has certainly now arrived!

Parent Questionnaire

This has been analysed with the results, comments and responses now published and on the website (<https://belmont-primary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Parent-survey-results-2020.pdf>).

I did manage to speak with some of you in relation to some issues raised on the questionnaire and we are already looking at making some minor adjustments in light of some of the comments made. Many thanks to all who completed this.

Isolation and Christmas

I am pretty sure that, like all of us here, you will be looking forward to a most pleasant and well deserved break from next Friday. Further, many of you will be keen to take full advantage of the temporary relaxation on the restrictions currently in place. Because of this, we continue to remind ourselves of the vital importance in adhering to the guidance in place to help ensure that we are not contacted to isolate during the Christmas period. I am pretty certain you will all have carried out the calculations yourselves but, just to reinforce, anybody who is told to isolate from THIS COMING SUNDAY will not be able to mix households until beyond December 25th. Of course, nowhere can guarantee contact with those who have the virus will be avoided and this, of course, includes schools. We continue to remind one another of the importance of making the right decisions thus raising the likeliness of enjoying spending time with family, many of whom we may not have had the chance to have done so for some time.

Lauderdale Drive

Over the past few days, I have become incredibly concerned with the safety of our school community outside of the school gates. I am aware that parking is difficult but the wellbeing of our children is, to me, the most important thing. Attempting to cross between parked cars (on a no parking area) is incredibly hazardous and I am sure I am not the only person to have witnessed 'near misses' on more than one occasion. Parking restrictions are not only in place when patrolled by wardens, which would appear to be the view at present. Further to this, the speed at which many people drive along the road shows total disregard for the fact there are families and children close by. I know that one of the 20mph illuminated signs is not working and we have brought this to the attention of the local authority. However, I am unsure if this sign is needed when we are aware that there is a school in the vicinity. We would all be grateful if more consideration was shown by some who are not currently displaying this. Thank you.

Staggered Timings

A few people have questioned how much longer the staggered timings will be continuing and that they are an inconvenience. The very simple answer is they will continue for as long as we are advised to do so. We as schools are provided with directives which we are bound to follow in order to try to keep all of our school community as safe as is possible. For some, this can mean having children who start and finish at different times but, given the importance and positive impact of social distancing and minimising contact, I know the vast majority of you agree this is a small price to pay. It will not last forever and we are enormously grateful for your patience, understanding and support.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We have been contacted by the British Legion who have informed us that we raised £624.93! This is an absolutely phenomenal effort so many thanks to everybody who donated.

Wishing you all a very pleasant weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr C Gibson