



# Belmont Primary School Newsletter January 22nd 2021



Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you are all well and have adapted to the current situation as best one can.

### Remote Education

Many thanks to all of you who have managed to use our new platform, Microsoft Teams. The feedback I have had is that it was a bit of a challenge to become accustomed to it but, now this part has been done, it is much better than what we previously had in place. For pupils, it allows the tasks to be far more easily organised and for staff, this is very much the case too. It also allows me to monitor who is and who is not accessing the activities being set by class teachers and then follow this up as necessary.

As alluded to previously, we are really keen that all children access tasks set by the school and that these are shared via the Teams platform. Unless we are told otherwise, we assume that everybody is now able to do this but it is essential you inform us of any challenges; we aim to support and help find solutions for any difficulties you might have. In addition to this, to repeat the message from last week, we do appreciate the difficulties faced in relation to remote education. We know many of you are having to work from home and supporting children when doing this is incredibly hard. Considering this, we take the suggested 'minimum working time' not too literally but we do expect some tasks to be completed each day and shared with us to allow for continuity and routine for the children.

As we ourselves become increasingly familiar and confident with Teams, we are looking to continue to evolve how we present the tasks set for at home.

### Apology!

For those of you with children in Key Stage One, I would like to apologise for the issue with the story on Tuesday. I would like to say it was a technical glitch and sometimes computers can do this to you. But that would be untrue. The error was totally human and not technical at all so, once again, sorry for any inconvenience caused and I shall endeavour not to make the same mistake again!

Following last week's barrage of information, I have deliberately kept this week's letter brief!

Finally, and most importantly, I would like to wish you all a pleasant weekend.

Yours Sincerely

Mr C Gibson