



Belmont Primary School Newsletter March 5th 2021



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter for the current partial closure of schools! The past nine weeks have without doubt provided a considerable challenge for everybody but, at last, we can all say on Sunday evening, 'remember, it's school tomorrow!'.

World Book Day

As always, there has been the most wonderfully creative response to the World Book Day dressing as a character by adults and children alike, both at home and in school! Thanks to everybody for their support with this and I hope that the children enjoyed both dressing up and engaging in 'book themed' activities.

The children will be receiving the usual Book Day vouchers and we have had this message from Guisborough bookshop:

The world book day tokens that are going out to the children are only valid until 28th March. The Guisborough bookshop isn't open fully until 12 April but shoppers can come to their doorway to buy something, but really you have to know what you want. They suggest browsing on their website to decide what to buy, then go to the shop with the voucher to use it. Unfortunately you can't use the voucher when ordering online. The doorway service is 9am - 3.30pm Monday to Friday and 11am - 1pm on Saturdays. You may need to ring the bell at the bookshop when you arrive!

School Calendar

You will be receiving a copy of next year's calendar dates as they stand at this moment. Please note that we still have two more PD Days to arrange but will ensure that we provide plenty of notice for these for you to be able to make any necessary arrangements. We will also soon be meeting together as a staff to devise our schedule of events for 2021 / 2022 with both the hope and expectation that we can plan and carry out all 'regular' activities during this time. What a fantastic thought this is!

Vacancy

We currently have a job vacancy in our cleaning team. If you would be interested in this, please speak to the office staff for further information.

Full Opening of School

As said on numerous occasions, I think everybody is excited and keen to return to school on Monday. You will have seen the plans, which are largely in line with those made in September. **Could I please once again reiterate our plea to ensure that societal restrictions are observed, especially in relation to not meeting in houses other than those who are part of your family or 'bubble'**. We are working as hard as we can to ensure that the school is as safe a place as it can possibly be, something verified this week by the local authority who performed a 'COVID Compliance' check on us this week where all of our procedures were found to be entirely appropriate. Unfortunately, it only takes one positive case within a class to require a whole year group to isolate and, perhaps more importantly, place the health of our staff, other children and consequently their families at risk. We are all aware of potential consequences and, similarly, we are all eager to return to a time where all restrictions are lifted. As mentioned in my earlier correspondence, our increased liberty depends on the compliance of all. As an aside, we will be disabling the 'Chat' facility on MS Teams from this weekend!

My final word this week is little more than a big thank you for all of your support, patience, cooperation, resilience and encouragement over these past nine weeks. We cannot wait to welcome everybody back to school on Monday and I genuinely have little doubt that we will all adapt very quickly back into the routines and expectations. Until then, we wish you a pleasant, enjoyable, restful and 'schoolwork free' weekend.

With very best wishes,

Yours Sincerely

Mr C Gibson