



Belmont Primary School Newsletter May 14th 2021



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the end of another week as we slowly approach the final half term of the year.

Future Plans.....

A number of you are, quite understandably, asking about the school's plans as societal restrictions are gradually being lifted. Of course, it is impossible to set our own timeline for the altering of our own operations but our thoughts are looking to create adjustments but not before the start of the new school year in September.

Firstly, we are hoping that school lunches can be enjoyed in the hall once again. This will allow us to increase the level of choice as well as provide a more appropriate surrounding for children to sit and enjoy their lunches.

Start and finishing times will also revert back to 'the olden days', with Reception and Key Stage One beginning at 8.45, Key Stage Two at 8.40 and everybody ending at 3.10. Nursery will continue with the same operating times as now. However, for safeguarding purpose, we will not be opening the gate at the back of the school field. We will also maintain the two vehicular access gates as entrances and the pedestrian gate as an exit to try to reduce crowding.

Parents' Evening

As alluded to previously, these will once again take the form of telephone appointments. More information about this will be shared after the half term break.

Progress, Attainment and 'Catch Up'

Once again today, I was dismayed to read in the media further negativity in relation to children's social and academic development following the upheaval of the past fourteen months or so. Within school, we are really delighted with how everybody has adjusted each time a new routine has been introduced (and there have been a few!). Inevitably, children will all have had different experiences in terms of learning, but one thing is for sure: we have within Belmont a highly committed and resilient group of young people from whom we could ask for little more. They are eager to learn (and play), something exemplified by their wonderfully positive behaviours. For those who require extra support, this is being provided (as has always been the case in this school as with any other, dare I say). Similarly, our staff too are as committed as ever to ensuring all of our children are provided with the best opportunities to try and ensure the best possible outcomes and I know that all parents and carers are likewise. Of course, if you do have concerns, please do contact us.

Attendance

To follow on, the attendance across school reflects what is mentioned in the above paragraph: the past few weeks have seen an average attendance in excess of 98% across the school.

I do hope that the rain eases up to allow you all to enjoy the weekend.

With very best wishes,

Yours Sincerely

Mr C Gibson