



Belmont Primary School Newsletter November 5th 2021



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of 2021 and I hope that you all managed to enjoy a pleasant half term break.

Extra Measures to Tackle Rising Covid Cases

The heading above is the one which featured on a letter shared with all head teachers at the beginning of the half term break which was sent from Redcar and Cleveland. Within the letter, schools were asked to consider a range of measures in response to recent statistics, one of which I include below:

In Redcar & Cleveland there have been 1,363 positive cases in the previous two weeks up to 19th October. Of these, 657 (48%) were aged 0-19 years old.

While it is argued that children may be less susceptible to the impact of the virus, the overriding concern is that increase in rates among younger people will lead to higher levels of infection among older, more vulnerable groups. We are seeing multiple cases of COVID among people living in the same household showing how easy the infection can spread to other family members.

With this in mind, we have taken what we believe to be a proportionate response whilst maintaining a degree of pragmatism. The decision to cancel the disco was made jointly between ourselves and FoB as we want to avoid excessive numbers of children together in the hall. Because of this, assemblies will also be returning to being held remotely. Each phase will be assigned a playground (we do not see the need for staggering these times). Lunchtimes will see us, wherever possible, keeping children from the same phases sitting within those groups (although this is harder to manage). We feel that clubs can continue to operate due to the volume of children involved. Parents and carers will not be requested to wear face coverings at drop off and pick up times as the school site is sufficiently large enough for people to keep distance from one another. However, if you wish to speak to a member of staff face to face, we would ask that you do wear such a covering. It is hoped that these measures will be short lived.

I have been invited to a briefing with Public Health this Monday in relation to COVID so hope to find out more information then.

Poppies

These will be available to purchase next week. We have attached some further information about 'minimum suggested donations' for some of the merchandise. There is no suggested minimum for a poppy.

Children in Need

This will be on Friday 19th November and children will be invited to wear non uniform for a donation of one pound which will go to Children in Need.

'Reindeer Run'

On Friday 10th December, we will be taking part in the 'Reindeer Run' which is a sponsored run in aid of Teesside Hospice. This will be done in groups to maintain minimal contact between children in different year groups and more information will be sent out nearer the time.

ReWilding Adventures

This week, a number of children have been involved in this activity and many more will be involved in the weeks to come. What a fantastic opportunity this has been and the enjoyment of the children has been phenomenal! We are delighted that we have been able to secure the services of Rewilding Adventures and their fabulously enthusiastic team!

Running Club

This week the running club was pretty much wiped out by the weather! Next week's days for running club are as follows:

Monday: Y6

Tuesday: Y3

Wednesday: Y4

Thursday: Y5

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend,
With very best wishes,

Yours Sincerely

Mr C Gibson