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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have reached the end of another busy and productive week here at Belmont where learning is well and truly in full flow!

Conduct on the School Site

It is with considerable regret, disappointment and, indeed, shock that I feel the need to report to you an unfortunate occurrence which happened on Thursday of this week whereupon a member of staff (myself, in actual fact) was sworn at by an adult who was on their way out of the bottom vehicle gate having dropped off a child. To say that I was somewhat taken aback would be an understatement, not least because this is the first time I can recall behaviour of this type since I joined the school in 2011. Disappointingly, the person has not made themselves known to me and it is not somebody I recognised. However, a quick look at our CCTV should identify the person although I would hope common decency will prevail whereupon they contact me and offer an explanation for their actions. It goes without saying that we do have procedures in place to address such issues and these will be initiated in due course. I am pretty sure that I write on behalf of all our parents, carers and children when I say such behaviour will absolutely not be tolerated and action will be taken against those who demonstrate by their actions that they believe it to be acceptable.

Could I also please remind you all that the use of mobile phones is not permitted on the school site. I do genuinely accept that there are times where calls are received at the most inconvenient of times and some of these simply have to be taken. In such an event, please feel free to leave the site to take these calls or respond to a message; if it means you are delayed by a minute or so to collect a child, they will be safe with their teacher for this time. Many thanks.

School Closures

Just a reminder that next Friday 26th November and the following Monday 29th November the school will be closed to pupils.

Reception Nativity

Because of our increased measures in place, the Reception Nativity will not be presented 'live' to parents and carers. However, it will still be taking place and recordings will be made available for you all in much the same way we did last year. This is a disappointment to us all but we continue to follow the guidance provided by the local authority to help reduce transmission of COVID as far as is practicable.

Mini Shoppers

We have attached the information for the 'Mini Shoppers' event organised by Friends of Belmont. If you have any suitable items you wish to donate, then the last day to do so is Thursday 25th November.

Children in Need

Many thanks to all those who have supported this today by donating a pound to wear non uniform. We will let you know how much we have raised once all the donations have been counted up.

Parent / Carer Questionnaires

Many thanks to all who have completed and returned these. At present, I have in excess of 130 completed questionnaires and I have read all of these. Many thanks for your thoughts and suggestions; once we reach the closing date, I will collate all of the data as well as the comments and share these and my thoughts with you all.

As Autumn Turns to Winter....!

There is a bit of a rumour on the weather forecasts that next week it is going to get a little bit colder (I have seen snowflake icons from next Thursday!). Please do ensure that children come to school wearing appropriate clothing which is preferably named so that gloves, hats, scarves and owners can be successfully reunited! Many thanks.

And Finally....

Reading through this week's offering, it does leave a somewhat 'sour taste' with the opening paragraph so I feel the need to balance this out a bit:

There is not a single day goes by where I do not feel genuinely privileged to work at this school. We have magnificently behaved, highly motivated and exceptionally polite children who work and play hard (at the appropriate times!) to ensure they make the most of the opportunities afforded to them. We work with parents and carers who support the ethos of the school and are happy to openly share their thoughts, views and concerns with us in order that we can hopefully address these in an effective and efficient manner. We also have staff members (by which I include teachers, teaching assistants, admin staff, business manager, site supervisor, cleaning staff, lunchtime supervisors, catering staff & school crossing patrol wardens) who care immensely about the young people they work with. Isolated incidents such as the one mentioned certainly do not cloud this perspective and nor will they ever.

Thanks to all for your continued support and wishing you a most pleasant weekend.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr C Gibson

