

Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 27th March 2020

Well this has been the strangest week for all of us; I hope you are keeping well.



Firstly, I would like to thank all our families for embracing the challenge of working with your children at home.

So many of our families are logging on and completing the daily tasks set by the teachers. I know from the teachers that they have been impressed by your responses.

Just a few top tips below if you are finding this a bit difficult – I know I always found working with my own children a lot harder than working with a class full of other people's children.

1. Take regular breaks – outside (in your yard/garden) or inside. Try to do some exercise if you possibly can. I have been doing the Joe Wicks workout in school with the children and I am now finding it hard to walk.
2. Go with what works best for your family – some families like a timetable and a strict routine, others prefer a more relaxed approach. You have to do what works for you and not what social media says.
3. Focus on the positives when looking at your children's work. Only pick 1 thing to 'work on'.
4. Everyone's circumstances are different. In fact, each day is different at the moment. Do what you can and don't feel bad about what you can't.

Sorry if the above is teaching granny to suck eggs.

There is so much great stuff out there for ideas to do with your family inside the house and I hope you feel supported by your class teacher with the work set each day. I know all the staff are beavering away at home trying their best to respond to children's work and feedback as well as manage their own families. We are considering doing a virtual shout out on next week's newsletter and awarding stars of the week. All the teachers are so impressed with what is going on.

Life in school has been very different this week. Each day has brought less children and we are so thankful for this. We have the children set up in the hall and have been making the most of the fine weather by being outside a lot.

We have a skeleton staff in school with teaching staff and office staff working from home. So far I have been able to be in school every day and hope to do this for as long as I can. Mr Griffiths and his team have been keeping the school clean, and we have shut off most classrooms to help make this easier.



We have tried to put a Belthorn 'shout out' during the live broadcast every day but haven't been mentioned so far.

So here is our shout out from Thursday:

Lacey Bunten – for being the best bunny hopper and also one handed press ups!!

Sophia Georghiou – for best stretches.

Imogen Kenyon – wonderful perseverance – she is only 3 and joined in the whole thing.

Bessie Tomlinson – for best high kicks and reaching her bottom.

Matthew Kenyon- tech support as always.

Lennon Pennington Lee – Lennon isn't exactly impressed by Joe but he was really good at lying down.

Mr Griffiths senior for putting us all to shame with his press-ups.

Along with this letter, there is another email which has a list of useful links to watch. This has been shared among the Lancashire schools. Take what you want from it.

Keep sending in the photos and comments, and remember you can email school if you need any support with anything or want to ask questions. The phones aren't being manned so email is the best way of contacting us.



I am sure that most children will be online a lot more than usual. Please take care to monitor who they are speaking to and what they are watching. We want to keep everyone safe online.

And finally

Miss Trafford and Mr Griffiths won't be getting married on Saturday as planned; they have rearranged for next March. They are managing to smile through it all, but we will all be thinking about them.

Wishing you all the best.

Mrs Rowan and all the Belthorn Staff.