

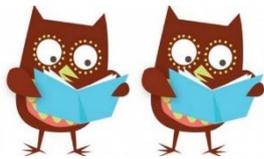
Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 3rd April 2020



Rainbows have been the theme of the week in school with children painting, collaging and hand printing them. We have displayed them at the front of the school to hopefully brighten everyone's day as they walk past. Today I dressed as a rainbow (well sort of), to do the Joe Wicks' workout in school.

We hope you are all keeping safe and well and that the online work we are setting is keeping the children occupied and hopefully progressing their learning too. All maths tasks and many English tasks are sequential so you really need to log in everyday to get the best out of it. Thank you to all the parents who have supported us and your child with this online work – again the teachers have been impressed and lots of children have been really putting 100% effort into it.



Some parents have been asking about new reading books – the best way to do this is to log onto Oxford Owl. There are lots of reading books and they are all levelled so you can find the level suitable for your child and progress through it. You have to create a free log in but it is really simple to do and there are lots of books to read.



We are aware that some families may be struggling financially during this current situation. This might mean that you are entitled to FSM. Currently there is a voucher scheme which will be fully operational after the Easter Holidays we hope. Contact your local council (BWD or LCC for details about how to apply). Please see the link addresses below.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=2>

<https://mybwd.blackburn.gov.uk/Pages/Form%20Pages/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

Along with this newsletter there is an attachment. This is for Hyndburn residents only and it details how to access financial advice and support if needed.

I am also attaching a 'Wellbeing Matters' pack which some parents might find useful. I know some children are missing their friends and finding things a bit difficult. Take from this what you want, but I think there are some good ideas.

A reminder about being safe on line. The school website has information and tips for parents. Simply go onto the website – **belthornacademy.co.uk** and click on the teaching and learning tab. Under E-Safety there are parent guides and contact numbers



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.



The Easter holidays are upon us and they will undoubtedly be very strange for all of us. Mr Furness and Miss Egan will be holding the fort for the next 2 weeks so that the rest of the teaching staff can spend some time with their families and have a break. Year 6 work will continue for the next 2 weeks with Mr Furness setting and responding to work. He will then take his 2 week break after this. Miss Egan will be handing over to Miss Dugdale after the Easter break with work set and being responded to by Miss Dugdale.



Many thanks to the Dog Inn for donating their Easter Eggs to school. We have used them as prizes for the children of key workers who are in school this week and over the 2 weeks Easter holidays.

And finally

Miss Trafford and Mr Griffiths weren't able to go ahead with their wedding last week. I know that their classes have sent them lots of lovely messages which made them really happy and they have re-booked the wedding for next March.

Take care and keep safe everyone.

Mrs Rowan and all the Belthorn Staff.