



*"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"*

Belthorn Academy Primary School

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Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 22nd May 2020

★ ★ This week's **BADGE WINNERS**... ★ ★

★ Little Bells - Jonah

★ Reception – Tom

★ Year 1 – Bessie

★ Year 2 – Rae

★ Year 3 – Marley

★ Year 4 – Alexa

★ Year 5 – Ruby

★ Year 6 – Eva

Welcome to this week's newsletter.....

Well this is the final week of our half term which has all been completed whilst children are working on Showbie, and so a very unusual time for us all. It is definitely one which will deserve a mention in our school log book which dates back from 1966.

This week we have been busy thinking about the practical arrangements for school to re-open. As we said last week, it is our aim to open in a phased return from June 1st. We will only do this if we are ready and the government doesn't change it's position and guidance from Lancashire County Council remains the same. At the moment we still have a few things to sort out. We will send a text message by Friday 29th May to confirm opening for phase 1 or to delay it if this is what has been decided. I know many schools have delayed opening until Monday 8th so that they can spend the first week back getting ready. Please read the parent's guidance on schools re-opening which we sent out via our Facebook page. If you are still unsure, this may help you. I know that parent's are concerned and they have mixed feelings, and we do understand this. Ultimately it is your decision and there will be no penalties for non-attendance.

As I explained in last week's communications, we are unable to offer Breakfast Club and After School Club at the moment. This is due to staffing issues and also because we can't allow children from different 'bubbles' to mix with each other. I understand that this is very difficult and with grandparents and other carers not being able to collect or drop off children this does pose a problem. I just hope that your workplaces can be flexible and accommodate this for a while until we are in a position to open for longer hours.



Children of Key workers who can not stay at home should inform the office that they are going to attend school after half term. All children will be required to wear school uniform from Monday 1st and bring their own packed lunch, snacks and drinks. They should also bring their own ipad to school to enable them to complete the Showbie work set by their class teacher.

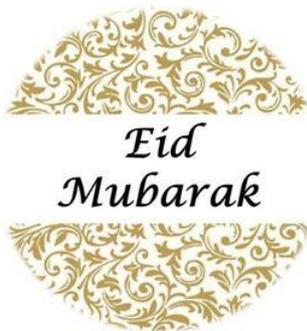


Our good work assembly this week has taken on a slightly different format. We hope you enjoy it and play along at home. Mr Carr's What's the Point? Goes from strength to strength and had us all smiling at school.

The gallery pictures show us every week what an amazing job parents and children are doing at home. We know how hard it is and we really do appreciate everything you are doing at home

to try and keep the children on track with their learning. Thank you, and please keep sending the pictures to us so that we can use them in our weekly assembly. Email them to belthorn.homelearning@gmail.com

This week we have had Mrs Wright and Mr Yousuf working with the children who are in school. The sunny weather has been a blessing and we have enjoyed some time outside as well as completing our Showbie work. The theme has been minibests and the children made some amazing clay models. They also made bread – not sure how this fits in, but it smelt delicious.



We hope all our families who are celebrating Eid on Sunday or Monday have a lovely day. I expect it will be a little different to usual but we send you our best wishes for a special day.

And finally the school is closed all next week. Mr. Griffiths and his team will be in to clean. I just wanted to say a special thank you to Mr Griffiths – he has worked every day since school closure and has been very dedicated in not only cleaning the school, but thinking ahead to how best to organise the re-opening. He has done his absolute best to make sure the school is in a tip top position as well as organising general maintenance works, and daily phonecalls to Radio Lancashire it seems. The school is very lucky to have him.

Next week won't be quite the half term we were all expecting but I hope those of you who are not at work have a good break. I know the school staff are ready for one.

Best wishes,

Mrs Rowan and all the Belthorn Staff