



Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan

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Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 10th July 2020

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

★ Little Bells - Seth

★ Reception – Isha

★ Year 1 – Brooklyn

★ Year 2 – Sophia

★ Year 3 – Aleyah

★ Year 4 – Nicky

★ Year 5 – Katie

★ Year 6 – Matthew K

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

Our penultimate week seems to have passed by in a whirlwind. There has been a lot to consider this week about how school will look in September more about that coming up.

For the classes not in school, we hoped you have enjoyed Zooming with us. We have had some good feedback and it has been nice to hear the children in school interacting with their class teacher who has been at home.

Miss Sutton and Mr Furness have been kept busy responding to the demands of children in the Key Worker group.

Next week Mr Griffiths is in school working in the Key Worker group. He won't be able to continue to Zoom 3 times a day but will keep up with his maths Zooming. I am sure he will inform parents via Showbie about times.

Next week we welcome Year 6 back and we couldn't be happier to see them all again. We will do our very best to have a great week come rain or shine. Year 6 – please enter school as directed in your letter and come prepared to be outside even if it is a bit chilly and a bit damp.

Staffing news

As you may have been aware, Mrs Powell has been absent for some time due to ill health and she has decided to leave us. We wish her well and all the best for the future. Please see the attached message from Mrs Powell.

Miss Egan and I have been busy recruiting this week and therefore have to postpone our class teacher news for next year until early next when all the final pieces will be in place.

Reports

We have been working hard to get all the information in to send out to parents. Thanks goes to the office staff who have had the task of emailing all the reports out to our families who haven't returned to school. All reports should be emailed out or given to children to bring home early next week.

Planning for September

We have spent time this week looking more closely at how things might operate in September. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, children will be in class bubbles with their class teacher and TA. There will be staggered start and finish times. Along with this newsletter there will be details of the start and finish times for each year group. If you have more than one child, you should bring all the children together at the latest time stated. e.g. if you have a child who starts at 8.45am and a child who starts at 9.00am, please bring both children at 9.00am. Where possible children will use different doors to enter and exit the building. I am sure that we will be receiving updates and advice throughout the summer holidays so we will be writing to parents again at the end of August to confirm everything in case things change.

Year 5 ties – will be presented to the children in Year 5 on their first day back. They will need to wear a white shirt rather than a blue polo shirt as is detailed in the uniform list on the website.

PE Kits – at this moment it is unsure if children will be getting changed for PE. All children will need pumps/trainers in school to change into.

Breakfast club and After School Club – we will be in a position to offer some places at Breakfast club – we are hoping to operate within 2 rooms – a KS1 room and KS2 room with tables for class bubbles, socially distanced from each other. This would mean that the member of staff would also have to be socially distant from the children, so it will be more formal with children sitting at tables, but with friends from their class. Times will be from 7.15am and places will have to be pre-booked via the school Money system. We will have a limit of 15 in each bubble. Breakfast will be served at each class table by staff.

After school club is proving to be a bit more difficult to organise – to begin with we might only be able to offer 15 places in one room, which will need pre-booking. There will be more information about this. The format of the club will again have to be very formal with children sitting at individual desks doing some quiet activity, reading, craft etc. Social distancing from each other and the staff member will be in place.

Outdoor activity rules in mixed bubble groups only allows 6 children to play games, socially distanced, which I'm sure you can agree would be hard for children to do, so unfortunately an outdoor after school club isn't a possible solution.

Holiday dates 2021/22 – a new holiday list has been posted on the school website for the academic year 2021/22. Please note that the dates have changed from the previous holiday list. We have decided to have a 2 week break in October instead of using 5 individual INSET days throughout the year, so all INSET days are together. Thanks to those families who answered the survey on this which was overwhelming in support for the proposal.

And finally.....

Thank you to all the parents and families who have supported us this year. We have valued your feedback throughout the year and as we plan for the year ahead, we will try our best to work on the things we can improve and keep doing the things you have said we do well.



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I expect we will be sending out a lot of information during the next week, so please bear with us. Things are rapidly changing and we are trying to respond as best we can. We are missing contact with children and parents and we are looking forward to seeing everybody in September.

A reminder that school starts on Wednesday 2nd September for the Autumn term.

Mrs Rowan and all the Belthorn Staff.