



*"Nurturing Hearts  
and Minds"*

# Belthorn Academy Primary School

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## Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

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

★ Little Bells – India

★ Year 1 – Ayishah

★ Year 3 – Eloise

★ Year 5 – Alice

★ Reception – Austin H

★ Year 2 – Owen

★ Year 4 – Liliana

★ Year 6 – Lennon P

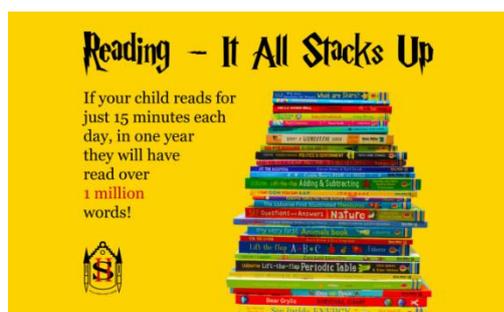
#### Welcome to this week's newsletter...

This week we welcomed back children in Year 1 in two groups and we feel rather full! It has been lovely to see all the year 1's and the quote of the week has to be "Mrs Rowan, have you dyed your hair white?" Not once, but from two separate children. They didn't seem to mind my grey though and pronounced that it looked nice. Bless them!

July weather has been predictably grim and we have been rather soggy and not able to go outside as much as we have liked, but the Key Worker children, and those in Reception, Little Bells and Year 1 have brightened our days.

We are trying to up our Zooming and getting used to this new way of working. Individual letters have been sent to each year group about this. We hope that more interaction with class teachers will be good for the children and give them a chance to see their fellow classmates too.

Mr Carr, who was supposed to be with the Key Worker children this week is having to self-isolate for 2 weeks as his daughter has to have a procedure at the hospital, therefore our KW group has been staffed by Miss Sutton and Mr Furness, with help from myself and Miss Egan. Staff continue to take their PPA on Friday mornings and on Friday afternoons we have staff meetings and training.



A reminder that it is really important to keep reading with your child at home. It really does make such a difference to every area of the curriculum, and we want to give all children the best chances when we return in September.



Yesterday the government released its plans for September and it looks much as we thought. We are still working out the finer details but it is looking like all children will return to school in September and will be taught in class bubbles with no mixing between groups, at playtimes, lunchtimes, before and after school etc. The class teacher and TA will stay with the same group all the time.

There will be staggered start and finish times, and we will try to work out a way we can offer breakfast and after school club working within the guidelines, although this will be challenging and will definitely mean change in how the clubs operate. More details to follow.

Details of classes and teachers from September will be sent out next week.

**PGL – year 5 and 6 residential will be moved to a date in the summer term.**

New guidance has been published for parents – the government has added new sections on summer provision and school uniform. It also includes updated content on school meals including the Covid Summer Food scheme.

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)

Regarding uniforms – I know a few parents have expressed concerns – the DfE guidance states:

*There is no need for anything other than normal personal hygiene and washing of clothes following a day in a school. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often or differently than usual.*



Your child's report will be emailed out to you, hopefully by the end of next week. These will contain details of progress and attitudes to learning from September to school closure in March. If we do not have your correct details, or if another parent needs adding to our contacts, please get in touch via [office@belthornacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@belthornacademy.co.uk)

**And finally.....**

Please keep sending your pictures in so that we can include them in our gallery next week. It is so good to see the children and what they have been doing.

Have a great weekend.

**Mrs Rowan and all the Belthorn staff.**