Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Re: Home Learning

As you will all now be aware, all schools have been directed to close to the majority of pupils for the foreseeable future with Belmont closing at the end of the day today (Thursday 19th March). We recognise the importance of ensuring that pupils have access to learning during this period of uncertainty and as a result we have planned what our provision will look like for our pupils which is set out below. It is unclear at this stage how long (in addition to the Easter holidays) schools will be closed for so we have planned a variety of learning tasks to oversee the entire period of closure. I would ask that you please read the below information carefully to ensure that you are clear on the school's home learning provision:

Week 1 (week beginning 23rd March):
Paper based home learning packs for all pupils from Reception to Year 6.
Reception, Year 1, 2, 4 and 5: packs to include tasks for English (including phonics and SPaG), Maths and Topic.
For our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils we have initially provided SATs papers as follows:
Year 2: 2018 SATS papers for Reading, Maths arithmetic and Maths reasoning.
Year 6: 2019 SATs papers for Reading, SPaG, Maths arithmetic and Maths reasoning. The reading booklet has not been printed and will need to be accessed online using the following link
- https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-2-tests-2019-english-reading-test-materials.
Nursery: we would ask you to continue to engage your child in song, rhyme, story telling and reading and everyday counting activities supported by online websites.

If your child is in school this will be sent home with them today. If you and/or your child are self isolating we would ask that in the first instance you identify a friend/family member who can collect the pack from the school office on your behalf. To enable us to track which pupils have received a learning pack we are asking that on collection, you sign against your child's name. We are able to post home learning packs but this is a limited resource and we would not be able to guarantee this service.

Week 2 on-wards (week of Monday 30th March):
Teaching staff will be utilising a free learning portal called Edmodo: https://new.edmodo.com/. This facility allows teaching staff to create a classroom for their class and set tasks and activities that can be downloaded, completed and returned by pupils. The resource requires each pupil to create a log in and to also use a unique classroom code to enable access. The system includes an option for parents to add their email address and/or mobile number to provide an extra layer of security and receive emails/text messages. To support you in setting up a log in, please refer to the attached user friendly guidance which we feel demonstrates clearly each step of the process. Additionally, we have attached a list of class codes for your reference. Access to the site requires you to input the class code for your child.

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To ensure that sufficient learning tasks are set for all pupils in terms of the quantity of activities set across the school week we have provided you with a guide below:

Nursery: continuatin
Reception: x2 phonics, x2 Maths/Number and a piece of topic learning
Year 1/2: x2 English/SPaG, x2 Maths and a piece of phonic work
Year 3/4: x3 English/SPaG, x3 Maths
Year 5/6 pupils: daily English and Maths tasks.

In addition to the above, pupils in KS1 and KS2 will also be set one piece topic based project linked to their current IPC unit of work.

We would always encourage pupils to complete the activities set and return for teacher review but do recognise that there may be some issues with access to laptops/PC's/electronic devices therefore we are also including a list of educational online sites that can also support your child's learning during this time:

Pupils have access to the following online resources which are already widely utilised:
Times Table Rockstars: https://ttrockstars.com/
SPaG.com: https://www.spag.com/
Bug Club (KS1): https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/

In addition, the following websites can be used to support and enhance home learning:

- ICT games http://www.ictgames.com/sharkNumbers/mobile/index.html
- Maths games http://www.sums.co.uk/original/
- Hit the Button https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button
- BBC Bitesize revision https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhrrd2p
- Top Marks - SPAG games https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/punctuation
- SPAG interactive activities http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/interactive/literacy.html
- https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/free-home-learning-packs/
- https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/#
- https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/harolds-daily-diary

A website called Twinkl (https://www.twinkl.co.uk/) have confirmed that they are providing a free one month subscription to all users and have also designed home learning packs for each year group. To download their learning packs please use the following code: CVDTWINKLHELPS.

We would like to thank you for your continuing support and reassure you that we will endeavour to keep you fully informed of any new developments and changes.

Yours sincerely
Lucy Childs
Head of School

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