

After what has felt like a long period of closure and uncertainty, we welcome all of our pupils and families back to Belmont for the start of a new and exciting school year. School staff were delighted to see all of the children on Monday many of whom have grown and matured so much over the last six months! This week, the children as always, have amazed and impressed us all with their resilience and strength and despite some worries and tears, they have settled so well into the new routines of school. The measures implemented because of the pandemic have overall, been very successful. The safety of pupils, staff and our families has always been a priority for us and with a few final tweaks to procedures (we hope) we are confident that the day-to-day running of the school will be smooth and effective.



Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

Achievements carried over from March 2020:

Swimming Certificate: Ruby P (Y3), Hannah (Y3)

Martial Arts Certificate: Raj (Y2)

Dance Certificate: Maddison (Y6) Ballet Certificate: Maddison (Y6)

Pen Licence: Janaya (Y5), Beertaj (Y5)

Rock Star Times Table Certificates:

Rock Star: Year 2: Grace, Fraser, Lois

Year 5: Teddie O, Malia, Marcus, Ula, Samara, Alby, Puneet, Sophia

Rock Star Legend: Roop (Y2), Abhinav (Y2)

Oliver (Y5), Kayla (Y5), Cara (Y5), Akhil (Y5), Finley (Y5)

We know that many external clubs have not yet reopened but please do remember to send in any pupil achievements/awards; we love to recognise and celebrate the children's triumphs and successes!



Diary Dates:

Monday 14th September – staggered start for our Reception pupils

Friday 18th September – Jeans for Genes day – wear your jeans and donate a £1.

Monday 21st September – staggered start for our Nursery pupils

Monday 21st September – ‘Learning Launch’ afternoon

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Pupil Voice:



Pier Y3 “I’ve enjoyed Maths.... I didn’t use to like Maths but I really like it now.”

Olive Y1 “I enjoy learning.”

Harry Y1 “I enjoy learning too and reading.”

Jessica Y6: “I missed my friends a lot ... it’s nice to see them again.”

PHE/DfE parent guidance and updates:

<https://www.gov.uk/education/health-safety-and-wellbeing-in-schools>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Help & Advice:

Returning to school after such a significant period at home coupled with the many changes the children have faced on their return, will of course cause anxiety, worry and upset for some of our pupils. It will take time for the children to adjust and become familiar with their new routine and we remain committed to supporting all of our pupils. We hope that you found the guidance created by Sheffield Council shared yesterday useful. Mrs Knight will be leading our whole school assembly on Monday and the theme will focus on pupil wellbeing. She will be using resources that you may also find useful which can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.cues-ed.co.uk/looking-after-ourselves/what-to-do-about-worrying/>

Notices:

Inspiration Day:

Our inspiration days will now be called ‘Learning Launch afternoons’. The afternoons will provide pupils with exciting and engaging activities to ‘launch’ the children into their new learning

Water Bottles:

Please be reminded that all children are required to bring a named water bottle into school.

PE:

Practical PE lessons commence from Monday 14th September.

Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on their PE days. Please make sure earrings are removed at home.

KS2 Entry/Exit – New procedures:

From Monday 14th September, Year 5 and 6 pupils will enter school via the car park pedestrian gate on Belmont Road. Parents/carers collecting pupils in Year 5 and 6 must also enter the site using the car park pedestrian gate. Please see the parent mail sent on the 10th September for more information.

Attendance and Punctuality:

From September 2020, school attendance again becomes mandatory for all pupils.

This year we continue to have high attendance aspirations for all pupils and have set our target at 96.5%.

This week our attendance was 98.8%, which is above the government’s minimum expectation of 95% and a fantastic start to the new school year. Well done all!

The highest attendance was in Hokusai, Brunel and Morris class all had 100% attendance. Well done to all of the pupils.

No classes had attendance below 95%.

Parents are reminded, term time holidays are not authorised and will result in a fine.