

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2021. The year has started in a way we did not expect but we are extremely proud of all pupils who have shown a continued resilience and a commitment to their learning. We have welcomed our most vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers back into school and they like the children at home, have been accessing their learning activities and lessons via devices, logging into the live and pre-recorded lessons shared by their teachers. School does feel very quiet without all of the children and we hope that we will be able to fully reopen soon and welcome all pupils back.

You will notice that a few changes have been made to the format of the newsletter to accommodate the move to remote learning and we hope that you find the contents informative and useful.

As always, should you have any questions or queries please contact the school office, which is open between 8:00am and 4:00pm daily.

Home Learning News:



Staff love to see the learning that is taking place at home so please do keep sharing your photos with us.

This week, Year 5 have created some amazing artwork linked to their space topic. We were particularly impressed with Ula's creation of the solar system.

Notices:

Photographs:

Individual pupil photographs are now in the office. If you would like to collect your child's photograph, we ask that you please call the office to arrange a collection time. Collection will be non-contact.

Assemblies:

Do not forget, a Monday morning assembly will be available on Google Classroom each week.

Better Together,
Together Achieving



School Learning News:

On Tuesday this week something quite extraordinary and special happened at Belmont – an air ambulance landed in the KS2 playground. We are fortunate enough to have a site that can accommodate this to support the very important role of the air ambulance, which had been called to assist in an emergency in the local area.



Help & Advice:

Young Minds is one of the UK's leading charities supporting children and young people's mental health. In response to the challenges faced by so many families at the present time, they have published useful guides to help parents to support their children.

Their website has an array of resources that you may find useful including a parent's survival guide. Links are shown below:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-survival-guide/>

Remote Learning:

Google Classroom Update

We know that so many of our families have spent time this week navigating the online platform Google Classroom. Please find below a few tips that you may find helpful:

- For your child's teacher to see their submitted work you need to ensure that you select 'turned in' when you upload the task.
- All live lessons are accessed via Zoom. The link for your child's live lesson will be posted in Google Classroom – you do not need to log in to Zoom separately just click on the link.
- Weekly timetables will be posted on a Monday morning to help you to organise your child's timetable.
- A parent user guide is available on the website under 'Remote Learning offer' accessed via the home page.

We expect all pupils to engage every day to complete the tasks set. We recognise that this may seem overwhelming but please do support your child in completing a little bit of every task every day.

PHE/DfE parent guidance and updates:



A recent research project undertaken by the Education Endowment Fund found that the quality of remote teaching is more important than how lessons are delivered. At Belmont, we feel that we have a good balance between live lessons, pre-recorded lessons and pupil independent tasks.

The DfE have published a guide for parents detailing ways in which you can support your child's education whilst they learn from home. We hope that you find the document useful and informative:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

