



Dove and Rainbow News

21st September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your children are now settled into their new routines and happy in their classes. I have to say that school is a very happy and calm place and it is just delightful to see the younger children and our new children chatting away to everyone as though they have been here for years!

Behaviour

Our new revised behaviour system is proving to be very successful. All children have returned to school with an excellent attitude towards their work. This week, every child has received their good behaviour stamp! This is the second time this has happened, since we returned to school. A huge well done to everyone! Only two children have received a warning this week (305 children in school) and we have challenged the children for no one to receive a warning next week. Thank you for your continued support and for signing and returning your child's Golden Behaviour Chart every Monday.

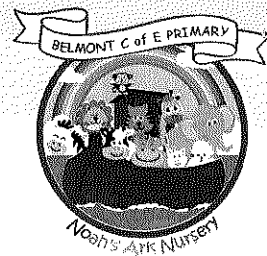
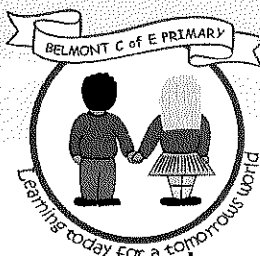
Meet the Teacher – Tuesday 25th September (Drop in 3:30 p.m-5 p.m)

This is a new event, which we are sure will be welcomed by many parents. On Tuesday, straight after school, you will have the opportunity to get to know your child's new class teacher a little better, as we invite you to our 'Meet the Teacher' session after school. The 'drop-in' sessions will take place in the classrooms, where you will have the opportunity to see where your child works, to hear about the timetable and topics for their class and for you to ask any questions you might have. We look forward to welcoming you all in school on Tuesday.

Friends of the School Meeting – Thursday 27th September at 3:30p.m

Our Friends of the School are an active group of parents, who are keen to support the school in many different ways. Last year, they organised a number of different events, including Movie Night for the children, discos, refreshments at Sports Day and two very successful fairs. They are keen to both raise money to benefit the children in our school, as well as support other events organised by the school.

We look forward to welcoming some new parents to the group this year, with new ideas and suggestions for further activities and events. The meeting is held in school and lasts no longer than an hour. We hope to see you there!



Macmillan Coffee Morning- Friday 28th September 9:15a.m

Let's change lives together at our coffee morning.

We are looking forward to having our yearly coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support. We look forward to seeing you, in the Dove building for a cuppa, chat and cake. Please can we ask for your support, by providing a small contribution of cakes or biscuits (no nuts please) to be sold at the coffee morning and to all children throughout the school day. Please can you send your contribution into school on the morning of Friday 28th September. Please name any containers that you wish to be returned.

Parking on school campus

Please can I remind everyone that there should be no parking or driving onto the campus at the beginning and end of the school day. For the safety of all our children, it is paramount that every family (except disabled blue badge holders and our school taxis) park outside of the campus and walk the rest of the journey. Please can I also ask you to remind your children that scooters and bikes need to be walked into school at the start of the pathways and driveway. Thank you for your support.

Reception 2019 Admissions

If your child turns five between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 you need to apply for a school place (for whichever Primary School you would like them to attend) via <http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>. Please note if you want your child to attend Belmont C of E Primary for Reception you must still apply for a place even if your child attends Nursery here. Applications opened on 12th September and close on 15th January 2019. Parents are advised to apply via this system, and to not apply via a paper application form. The Local Authority have asked us not to accept any paper applications and send them in on parents' behalf.

We will be holding a meeting on Thursday 27th September at 4p.m to show new reception parents around school.

Durham High School for Girls- Primary Latin Project Year

Durham High School run a Primary Latin course every year, for schools in the Durham area. This free of charge course, will begin on Wednesday 26th September 4p.m-5p.m. For further details, please contact the school office or Durham High School for Girls.

Holidays during Term Time

Following local and national policy, we do not permit holidays during the school term unless it is for exceptional circumstances. Please support us in giving your children the very best education possible, by sending your child to school during term time. Again, thank you very much for your support with this.

As usual, if there is anything at all that you would like to talk about, or that is concerning you, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. We are here to help you and your child.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kirsty Harrison-Brown
Head Teacher