



# Belmont C of E Primary School

## Newsletter



Friday 10th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a wonderful week in school. The children are settling into their new classes and routines. It has been lovely to welcome our new Reception and Nursery children in school. They have all been amazing. Children in school are happy, eager, polite, enthusiastic and settled - I'm sure we have lots of proud parents and carers!

### **Healthy Snacks**

Children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) all receive fresh fruit for a morning snack which is funded by the government. Unfortunately, this scheme finishes when the children join Year 3. Therefore, all children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 - 6) can bring their own piece of fruit/healthy snack to enjoy on a morning playtime if they wish. Please do not put this in their packed lunch box though as they are stored separately - instead, just pop it in their bags. Thank you.

### **Cool Milk**

All pupils who are under the age of five are automatically registered with our milk supplier, Cool Milk, who provide milk to children under 5 free of charge. Once your child turns five, if you want them to continue to have milk at school, you will need to register with Cool Milk and pay. To register, go to [Cool Milk - the UK's leading school and nursery milk supplier](#). You must register and pay for this by Tuesday in order for your child to receive milk the following week. Children who are over the age of five and are entitled to income related free school meals can also get free milk, which is paid for by the school. If you qualify for this and would like your child to receive milk, please contact the School Office and we will register your child for this scheme.

### **Swimming**

This half term, we are pleased to say that we are once again able to send some of the children swimming. This is something that is really important for the children and we know many of them look forward to it. This half term, it will be the turn of Class 10 to swim - they will be swimming on a Thursday so will need to come into school with their swimming kits each week. This will change at half term when another class will be having their turn.

### **Reception Baseline**

Some of our Reception parents and carers may have heard that there is a new Reception Baseline Assessment this academic year. A leaflet has been emailed to you all for your information. Please do not worry about this - the children will have no idea that they are doing any 'assessments' as they are just carried out during the course of the normal school day during teaching time.

### **Twitter**

As we start a new academic year, it is worth remembering that all class teachers will tweet at least twice a week about what their class have been learning during the week. This is a great way of you finding out more about what your child has been up to during the day. We have all experienced the frustration of wanting to know all about their school day and hearing the same response when we ask our children what they have been doing today.... 'nothing!' So follow us on Twitter: @BelmontCof

### **Applying for Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

For many families, the last few years have been incredibly difficult financially due to the impact of the pandemic. If your circumstances have changed since your child started school, you may now be entitled to Pupil Premium or Free School Meals. If you fit any of the criteria below, please get in touch with the school office and we will get you to fill in the form which then enables us to check with the Local Authority. This will be dealt with in great confidence. Please also note that for every child in school who registers their eligibility, the school receives additional funding and you will also receive trips and residential at a lower cost.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meal Criteria:

- Universal Credit with an earnings threshold that does not exceed £7,400
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC that does not exceed £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

### **Applying for a Secondary Place for September 2022**

All parents of pupils in Year 6 should have received a letter regarding Secondary School place applications. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2021.

### **Applying for a Primary School Place for September 2022**

The deadline for applications for applying for Reception in September 2022 is 15th January 2022. The information has not yet been released by the LA about this, but we will be holding an Open Morning in November. Dates will be on the newsletter next week.

### **New Covid Guidance and Regulations**

#### **Increase in cases of Covid-19 in school**

Due to an increased number of Covid-19 cases in school, from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September, we will be reverting to our smaller bubble system. Our bubbles will be:

- Nursery
- Reception (Class 1 and 2)
- Class 3
- Class 4
- Class 5
- Class 6
- Class 7

- Class 8
- Class 9
- Class 10 and Class 11

If your child is in KS2 and has a packed lunch, they will eat their lunch in their classroom to help reduce numbers in the dining hall.

If there is a positive case of Covid-19 in your child's class, we will inform you by email.

**Your child MUST attend school unless they are ill.**

From 16th August 2021, children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact, has Covid. Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school until they get the test result, as long as they have no symptoms.

**When should your child not attend school?**

If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and book a PCR test (not a Lateral Flow Test). If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test. If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated, but they should book a PCR test. As above, anyone who has no symptoms but has taken a PCR test CAN still attend school whilst waiting for the result. It is not a requirement for children to take a Lateral Flow Test.

#### **Communication with School**

It continues to be important that if your child has to go for a PCR test, please inform the school office of this and it is also essential that you let us know the result when you have this too. Please contact myself or Miss Jubb out of hours if your child tests positive:

- [k.harrison-brown100@belmontceprimary.co.uk](mailto:k.harrison-brown100@belmontceprimary.co.uk)
- [h.jubb300@belmontceprimary.co.uk](mailto:h.jubb300@belmontceprimary.co.uk)

Although schools are no longer required to 'Track and Trace', we are still expected to have this information and may be contacted by Public Health to assist them. For this purpose, we also require the date any symptoms started and the end of isolation date. Thank you.

As usual, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the school office.

We are here to help you all!

Best Wishes,

Mrs K. Harrison-Brown

Head Teacher