



Welcome Back to School



Belmont C of E Primary School Autumn Newsletter



Welcome to the Autumn Term. I hope you have had a lovely summer break and have managed to spend some quality time with your loved ones making precious memories. It has been delightful to welcome the children back to school this week and see them reunite with their friends. The children have settled well into their school routine and it is wonderful to have the school full of happiness, laughter and chatter. It has been lovely to be able to welcome our new Nursery and Reception children as well as new children across the school to our Belmont family - we are really looking forward to getting to know our new families, parents, carers and children over the next few weeks.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

We are deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who served our nation with so much dignity and dedication during her long years of public service.

'Now let your servant depart in peace' - Luke 2:29

On Friday, we held a whole school worship to remember the life of Her Majesty The Queen. The children spent time reflecting through various activities. We will continue to support the children with their emotions as I am well aware that it may also be hard for some of our children who have lost loved ones in the past. Place2Be have produced some guidance that may help you in supporting your child with the Queen's death at home.

[Supporting your child when someone well-known dies | Place2Be](#)

Staff News

Congratulations to Miss Warren and her husband on their marriage during the summer holiday. They had a lovely day- despite the rainy weather.

Congratulations to Mrs Christie and her husband who are expecting a baby this Autumn.

Meet the Teacher

On Wednesday 21st September, we will be holding our Meet the Teacher sessions. We are delighted that we will be able to hold these sessions in school this year, face-to-face. Your child's teacher will hold a meeting in school at 3:30p.m and again at 4p.m to introduce themselves, the classroom environment and explain your child's classes and routines.

Diary Dates

Please find attached our initial diary dates for the term ahead.

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.

Noah's Ark Nursery

Funded 15 and 30 hour places are available for 2,3 and 4 year olds. If you would like to come and visit our Nursery or require further information, please contact our Nursery Manager (Mrs Sleeman) through the school office or by emailing. We look forward to hearing from you.

l.sleeman300@belmontceprimary.co.uk

Breakfast and Tea Club

Our successful breakfast and tea club is open for all pupils from Nursey to Year 6. Breakfast Club opens from 7:30a.m and Tea Club closes at 5:30pm. If you require further information, please contact the school office.

Applying for a Primary School Place for September 2023

The deadline for applications for applying for Reception in September 2023 is 15th January 2023. We will be holding two Open Evenings in October and November.

- Thursday 13th October 3:30p.m
- Tuesday 22nd November 4:30p.m

Refreshments will be available and a craft session for children will be taking place.

We look forward to seeing you.

[Apply now for a primary school place - deadline 15 January 2023 - Durham County Council](#)

Applying for a Secondary Place for September 2023

All parents and carers of pupils in Year 6 should have received a letter regarding secondary school place applications. The deadline for applications is **31st October 2022**.

[Apply now for a secondary school place - deadline 31 October 2022 - Durham County Council](#)

Twitter

As we start a new academic year, it is worth reminding our families that all class teachers will tweet about what their class have been learning. This is a great way to find 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**

Our Twitter feed can also be accessed through our school website homepage.

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 and the current cost of living crisis. 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, 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.

Uniform

The children have returned to school looking smart and are ready for learning. Please can I remind you that school uniform consists of: a navy jumper or cardigan, a red polo shirt, grey or black trousers/skirt/pinafore and plain black shoes. Children with hair longer than shoulder length should also be tied back. On PE days, children should come to school wearing their kit which includes: plain white t-shirt, navy shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers. Leggings should not be worn and earrings should be removed or covered if newly pierced. Thank you!

Pre-loved school uniform

We have a very good selection of pre-loved uniform in school. Thank you for your kind donations to build up our bank of uniform which has many styles and sizes available. Please contact Miss Jubb or the school office if you would like to come into school for a look or we are more than happy to look for sizes and arrange pick up.

h.jubb300@belmontceprimary.co.uk

Labelling Clothes

Please make sure all uniform, shoes and coats are labelled with your child's name (or initials) and class. This makes it much easier for us to find it in the event it goes missing and to reunite it with its owner.

Chartwells- North Eats

Chartwells, part of Compass UK & Ireland, has won the contract to deliver catering services across primary schools in County Durham. A letter from Chartwells and the new lunch menus have been attached to this newsletter. If you would like your child to have a school lunch, please make the school aware by Friday 16th September. Lunches are free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Lunch price for KS2 pupils is £2.25 a day.

Teacher Contact Details

We are keen to ensure we have good communication with parents and carers and in this day and age, email communication is often the quickest way to get in touch with your child's teacher. However, please remember that all school emails are confidential to the addressee only. It is important to remember that emails sent to you from school staff are not to be widely shared with other parents, particularly via social media platforms. Please respect school staff in this way. Thank you.

- Mrs Sleeman- Nursery- l.sleeman300@belmontceprimary.co.uk
- Miss Warren- Class1 Reception- r.warren100@belmontceprimary.co.uk
- Miss Rose- Class 2 -- r.rose300@belmontceprimary.co.uk
- Mrs Patterson- Class 3- a.patterson236@belmontceprimary.co.uk
- Mrs Gardiner-Class 4- f.gardiner100@belmontceprimary.co.uk
- Mrs Christie- Class 5- - l.ward200@belmontceprimary.co.uk
- Mrs Bateson and Miss Jubb- Class 6- j.bateson100@belmontceprimary.co.uk
h.jubb300@belmontceprimary.co.uk
- Mrs Speight- Class 7- d.speight300@belmontceprimary.co.uk
- Mrs Camsell- Class 8 - j.camsell300@belmontceprimary.co.uk
- Miss Faulkner- Class 9- a.faulkner300@belmontceprimary.co.uk
- Miss Jubb, Mrs Wood and Mrs Stripp- Class 10- h.jubb300@belmontceprimary.co.uk
l.ewing200@belmontceprimary.co.uk h.stripp100@belmontceprimary.co.uk
- Mrs H Brown- Headteacher- k.harrison-brown100@belmontceprimary.co.uk

Covid-19 Guidance

Children and young people with respiratory infection who have not taken a Covid-19 test:

Most people can no longer access free testing for Covid-19.

Children and young people, who are unwell and have a high temperature, should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

Children and young people who have tested positive with a Covid-19:

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

Children and young people aged 18 and under with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults. The day of the test should be counted as day zero. After three days, if they feel well enough and no longer have a high temperature, they can resume normal activities.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

Office News

Cashless School- we are now a cashless school. All payments should now be sent via ParentPay. If you have any difficulties accessing this account, please contact the school office.

Contact details- please ensure all contact details are up to date by informing the school office.

ParentMail- This is the school's main point of communication. All letters and school information are shared to parents and carers through this system. Parents are required to sign up to the Parent Mail App. If you notify school of any change to your email or telephone number, this is recorded on our pupil MIS system. ParentMail will then send a push notification asking to authorise these changes. Please authorise these changes within your account as you will not be able to receive any school communication. Please see the school office if you require any support.

Absence- If your child is absent from school, please telephone school as soon as possible on the morning of absence. Thank you.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead.

Best wishes,

Mrs Harrison-Brown

Headteacher