



BESSEMER NEWS

Friday 6th March 2020

W/B 9/3/20

Sports Relief Week and
Science Week

12/03/20

Class Assembly: 1AM

Cancelled

Science Fair 3.30-4.30

13/03/20

Sports Relief fundraising day
– dress in sporty clothes and
donate £1 (letter went out
electronically)

19/03/20

Class Assembly: 2ER

20/03/20

Year 4 woodwind concert
(letter sent separately)

25/03/20

F@B Food Fair 3:30 Lower
Hall TBC

26/03/20

Class Assembly: 1JM

27/03/20

Lifting Limits workshop,
2.15pm.

28/03/20

Year 4 to participate in the
Spring Gathering Lantern
procession event on Goose
Green (look out for details
over the next week).

W/B 30/03/20

House winners' trip

1/4/20 Year 4 performances,
10am and 6pm

02/04/20

Class Assembly: 3JK

06/04/20 – 17/04/20

Easter Holiday

World Book Day

Thanks to Josie Blake, Lydia Saunders and the F@B team for organising a great week all about books. Children enjoyed author visits, opportunities to tell stories to one another, a fantastic dress up day and a whole school book swap. Well done to all involved. Prizes will be awarded next week for the best dressed character and the total number of stories will be shared in assembly.



WORLD
BOOK
DAY

Science Week

Next week will be Science Week. The theme for this year's British Science Week is 'Our Diverse Planet'. We will be thinking in particular about biodiversity and a diverse range of scientists. Over the week your child will be taking part in some exciting science activities including; a science lesson from our 'Lifting Limits' programme where the children will discuss gender equality and learn about some pioneering female scientists, a Zoo Lab animal handling session and a lesson in our nature garden run by F@B.

Don't forget to have a go at our homework competition and send all entries clearly labelled with name and class to the office by 3.30pm on Wednesday 14th March.



Topic Teaching

This week the senior leadership team have looked at topic and art books across the school. We can report that the children's books show a range of exciting, practical and creative lessons taught weekly, quality writing during half termly focus writing weeks and opportunities to use different tools and techniques in art lessons. Presentation is high and standards of work across year groups are very good. Well done to all of the children for their beautiful work and to the teachers for the engaging lessons planned and taught.

F@B Update

Next week we're organising special activities for a biodiversity-themed Science week. Thursday is our popular after-school science fair from 3.30-5pm. Please comes along to the top hall after school.

Pupils will also be learning about biodiversity in the nature garden from Monday to Thursday, thanks to a group of parent volunteers. If you might be able to lend a hand please email us fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk

Last, but not least, on Thursday 12 March we're also having a Bag 2 School collection at the start of the school day. Please bring in your bags of surplus textiles to help us to raise funds for Bessemer and boost recycling. Thanks!

Sport Relief

On Friday 13th March 2020 children are encouraged to come to school in sporty clothes and to make a £1 donation. Before school there will be staff with buckets on the school gates collecting donations as well as pots for donations in the office.

During Sport Relief week (beginning Monday 9th March 2020) we are going to ask the children to keep a Physical Activity Diary in school. The diary is non-compulsory but is something we will encourage the children to complete throughout the week. The idea behind this diary is for us all to become aware of how active we are and to increase activity levels where possible. During the week we are going to be setting some lunchtime physical activity challenges to help the children to become more active and simple physical challenges to complete at home with their family. Wherever or however the children are active they can record in their diary and hopefully by the end of the week everyone will have had an active week.



KS2 Snack Donations

F@B have created a fundraising page for the KS2 mid morning snack initiative. If you would like to donate please follow the link <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/KS2Snacks>. A small mid-morning snack will help your child maintain focus throughout the morning. We would like to try to provide a non-perishable snack such as rice cakes or bread sticks to all KS2 children. This will cost approximately £15 a day, which the school does not have funding for, so all donations will be gratefully received.

Coronavirus

We will continue to follow advice given to schools regarding coronavirus. If you think that you have travelled to an affected area, or have been in contact with someone who has, please call the school office for advice. Information on affected areas can be found at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus. Please see the most recent advice sent to us below, and the next page for handwashing tips. We are ensuring that all soap dispensers are regularly filled and have taught all children how to wash their hands effectively.

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

Yesterday, we launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

Where to find the latest information

Updates on COVID-19:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance for educational settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>



Art installation and Mural

This week Josh Gaillemain visited the school to talk about our green spaces in London. All children attended an assembly where they discussed the positive and negative things about green space in London. After the assembly every child from nursery to year 6 decorated a leaf explaining their positive experience of green space and an airplane to explain the negative experience of green space. Using the children's leaves and planes Josh then created two giant pieces of art a litterbin and tree. The artwork is still a work in progress and will be completed over the next few days. It can be seen in the dining hall so please take a look when you can. We would like to thank Josh for his time and engaging assembly! Our school mural will begin to be created over the next few weeks so keep your eyes open for a giant hedgehog!



Word of the Week

Thank you to everyone who has supported the children in finding out about the words of the week so far, please continue to do so, we are seeing the impact in the children's speaking and writing. The word of the week this week is....*impede*.

Have a great weekend! *Rebecca*