



BESSEMER NEWS

Friday 28th February 2020

We hope you had a great half term, welcome back!

05/03/20

World Book Day – Don't forget to dress up as a character from a book! There will be prizes for the most creative costumes. (Letters went out electronically)

05/03/20

Class Assembly: 4HB

W/B 9/3/20

Sports Relief Week and Science Week

12/03/20

Class Assembly: 1AM
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

26/03/20

Class Assembly: 1JM

27/03/20

Lifting Limits workshop, 2.15pm. Please see the flier sent electronically.

W/B 30/03/20

House winners' trip

1/4/20 Year 4 performances, 10am and 6pm – Please note the change of date.

02/04/20

Class Assembly: 3JK

06/04/20 – 17/04/20

Easter Holiday

Water

Southwark has introduced a 'Water Only' policy to be rolled out across all Southwark schools by April. This means that no drink other than plain water can be consumed by children in school or on school trips. This will also be modelled by adults around the school. As of April breakfast club will no longer be serving fruit juice or hot chocolate and children who bring packed lunch to school will not be allowed to bring in their own drinks as water is available for everyone. From April the 'Water Only' policy will be found on the school website.

We have also introduced directed water breaks during lessons so please ensure that your child has a reusable water bottle in school every day.

Homework

As you know, homework at Bessemer is optional, with the exception of home reading across the school and maths and English homework in Year 6. Maths homework from Years 3-5 is provided so that children can practise skills taught in school and so that parents know what children are learning and can support them if needed. Maths homework is not marked or shared in school, however gems are awarded if children complete and return homework.

Topic homework is optional across the school and is intended to involve parents in children's learning and to encourage children to further develop their interest in their topics. If children bring topic homework in to school it is shared and celebrated in class and gems are awarded.

Parent Forum

There have not been any meetings of the Parent Forum for the last year, as no concerns or suggestions have been raised by parents for discussion. However, we would like to reinstate the Parent Forum next term. The Parent Forum is a group of class representatives who meet termly to discuss feedback received from parents around non curriculum based topics such as communication, homework, school lunches, extra-curricular activities etc and decide on appropriate actions. The Parent Forum does not discuss teaching and learning. If you would like to become a class representative, or were one previously and would like to continue, please email the office for my attention, with the subject 'Parent Forum'. Ideally we need one representative from each class.
office@bessemergrange.southwark.sch.uk

F@B Update

Next week we'll be organising a school wide book swap and we're looking for donations of books for all ages (Nursery to year 6). We hope that every child will get to bring home a book next Friday so please share your donations of books (in good condition!) by dropping them at the office or handing them in in class. Any spares will go to the school or local charity shops. Thanks!

Year 5 Cake Sale

The Year 5s held a cake sale on the last day of last half term and managed to raise £267 for 'Smile Train' which is a Cleft Palate charity. This is nearly enough to pay for two children's surgeries, so well done Year 5 and thanks to all who bought or made cakes!

Cumulative Marathon

Children across the school enjoyed taking part in the cumulative marathon to raise money for the Australian Wildfire fund through 'Givit'. They raised nearly £200, so well done and thank you to everyone who took part.

Easter Club

We will be running an Easter club for children in Reception and above for both weeks of the Easter holiday, providing a range of onsite activities and some local trips - a letter with the provisional timetable has been sent out today. **Two of the planned activities are giant junk modelling and Papier Mache, if you have any cardboard boxes, tubes or other suitable junk or newspapers please take them to the school office.** Please book places for Easter Club on Magic Booking. If your child is in Reception but not yet 5 please contact the office as they will need to book a place for you. There are also a few spaces for Nursery and Little Stars children in the Little Stars Easter club, please ask the office for information.

KS2 Snack Donations

We would like to provide KS2 children with a small mid-morning snack in order to enable them to maintain focus throughout the morning, however funding is only provided for EYs and KS1. Last year some parents made very generous donations to provide fruit for KS2 children, however this was not maintained throughout the year and there was some concern over wasted food. We would like to try providing non-perishable snacks such as rice cakes or bread sticks. If you feel able to make a donation to help with this please donate to F@B with the reference 'KS2 snacks'.

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. We understand from parents that some children have become very worried about coronavirus. If your child expresses concern or seems worried we would encourage you to reassure them, as we will be doing and to ensure that they have not misunderstood information that they may have picked up.

Reminder

Please remember that we are a healthy school and that children are not allowed to have crisps, chocolate bars or sweets in their daily packed lunches (crisps are allowed in packed lunches for school trips). Children who bring these items to school will not be allowed to eat them. Please remember that the newsletter is usually only sent out electronically and that it is essential to read it every week so as not to miss important information and reminders. Please let the office know if you are not receiving your electronic copy. Don't forget to use the comments and suggestions boxes for parents (in the school office) and children (outside the bottom hall) if you want to share any feedback with us.

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.....***simultaneously***.

Have a great weekend!



