



BESSEMER NEWS

Friday 18th September 2020

Diary Dates

30th September - Deadline for deposit for Year 6 school journey

23rd October - tutorial day, school closed for children, meetings held over Zoom

23rd October - virtual art exhibition opens

26th October - 30th October half term holiday

31st October -Deadline for secondary applications Yr 6

F@B Update

F@B Summer Appeal From us all at F@B, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who

generously contributed to our Summer Appeal. The giving page has now closed, and the grand total raised was an incredible £10,690! In addition, we'll receive over £2,000 in Gift Aid from the government to boost your donations. Every penny will go towards a much needed IT upgrade for Bessemer.

Improved technology will benefit every single child at the school, and help the staff continue to do a great job during these challenging times. Thank you again for donating - you really are wonderful!

Reminders

Please could we remind you that children are not allowed crisps, chocolate bars, cake, biscuits or drinks other than water in school.

Uniform

Government guidance now states that clothes do not need to be washed daily in order to reduce the transmission risk, therefore we ask that children wear school uniform on a daily basis unless it is their PE day. If it is your child's PE day please ensure they come to school dressed in their PE kit (shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings, a school house t-shirt or plain t shirt, preferably in their house colour and trainers. Please save football kits for own clothes days and dress up days. A sweatshirt is advised, as the weather gets colder as PE will remain outside for as long as possible (this can be their usual school jumper). If you need to purchase uniform please visit the school website where there is a link to a uniform shop where you can purchase uniform and have it sent directly to your address. <http://bessemergrangeprimary.co.uk/sample-page/uniforms/>

Medication

If your child needs medication at school please ensure it is clearly labelled with your child's name and class and then hand it to the adult on the school gate. Please keep a record of the expiry date of the medication you send to school, as it is your responsibility to replace and update this. Children with epipens need to have 2 in school. We are aware that there is a shortage and it may take time to get a second one but we need to have them as soon as possible.

We will only accept prescribed medication; we cannot accept medicines that are not prescribed. For year NR - 6 Painkillers, such as Paracetamol or Ibuprofen, may not be brought in to school unless prescribed. If your child is in Little Stars and is teething Paracetamol or Ibuprofen can be given to staff but only if the parent completes the correct consent form, which can be obtained from the office via email. Please also notify the school of changes in a child's medical needs, e.g. when medicine is no longer required or when a child develops a new need, e.g. asthma.

Lunch

We have noticed that many children are changing their lunch choice from home to school lunch on a daily basis. This is making budgeting and cooking for the appropriate number of children difficult and we have had to throw large amounts of cooked food away. This is a waste and not cost effective. We understand that your child may not like the hot lunch or cold lunch choice on one particular day, however we ask that you choose to either have school lunch every day or that you provide a packed lunch for your child every day. Please inform the office if you are choosing to provide a lunch for your child for this term by Friday 25th September. If you do not inform the office we will assume your child is having a school lunch.

Bike Activities

Please see details of cycling activities taking place from September 28th to October 2nd.

- A Free Dr Bike run in Dulwich Square is running every Friday from 28th September (4 - 7pm) and Sunday (10am-1pm) until October 11th.

<https://twitter.com/CleanAirDulwich/status/1304046552009388033>

- TfL are running an online cycle training skills course for adults which when completed gives you a free 24 hour access code to Santander

Cycles. <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/cycling/cycle-skills#on-this-page-0>

- The Joyriders cycle club created a video on cycling with children which you can watch online ahead of any family rides you plan to do. <https://cdn.website-editor.net/2fe25031d28a4134a210e327c8191326/files/uploaded/Virtually%2520ToGetHer%2520-%2520Cycling%2520Safely%2520with%2520Your%2520Kids.pdf>

- Long term bikes are available to hire from Peddle My Wheels as part of their Try Before You Bike scheme open to everyone living or working in Southwark. This includes e-bikes, children's bikes and adaptive cycles. <https://www.peddlemywheels.com/products>

Thanks again for the continued support, have a lovely weekend.

Rebecca

