



BESSEMER NEWS

Friday 25th 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

Do you have an idea for a fun event? Then we'd love to hear from you! Friends At Bessemer is a charity run by volunteers, and we're always looking for more people to get involved. In the last year, parents and carers have organised all kinds of activities including hair braiding and face painting workshops; Eid and Diwali celebrations; book swaps and a fun run. This year, of course, our activities need to be distanced or virtual, but we're rising to the challenge and still hope to have plenty going on. If you would like to join us and help organise a social, educational or fundraising event, please do get in touch

at fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk. Everyone is welcome!

Reminders

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

Items from Home

Thank you for reducing the number of items being brought to school from home. We understand that there are some cases when a child cannot manage without a bag, but the number of bags in school has been significantly reduced which makes it easier for us to limit transmission risks and to clean regularly. Please remember that children only need to bring school reading books back to school once they are finished and should not be bringing anything else other than a water bottle, waterproof coat and possibly a packed lunch and mobile phone to school each day. Now that the weather has changed, please ensure your child has their coat every day as we will still be spending as much time outside as possible. **Please ensure your child's water bottle, coat and jumper are clearly named.**

Closing Bubbles

As you know, we are currently operating year group bubbles to try to limit the risk of coronavirus transmission while maintaining high quality education and the smooth running of the school. If we have a confirmed case of coronavirus we will be following guidance from Public Health and Southwark and will be closing the bubble of the affected person for two weeks. As this would have to be done with no notice it would be advisable to consider contingency plans in case your child's bubble is closed, remembering that they would need to isolate at home with no visitors to the home. It is also essential that we have current contact details for you and that you check your messages every morning as the message about closure could be sent out on Parentmail before school if that is when we receive news of a positive test result.

Home Learning

As we have been unable to invite you to attend parent workshops this year, we are producing virtual workshops for each year group, some of which can be found on our website already while others are coming soon. These workshops will help you to support your child's learning in maths and English by sharing strategies and methods we use in school. We have also been adding more home learning resources to our website which you might find helpful if your child is unable to attend school. If your child has to isolate, please ensure we are informed as we will also add home learning resources to Google Classroom for them each day. Your child should also have login details for Reading Eggs and Mathletics. Teachers are not currently setting specific tasks for children to complete on these programmes so you can work through in order, or choose areas your child is finding tricky.

Pirates Ahoy!

On Tuesday children in Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic Pirate day as part of this half term's topic. They dressed up, hunted for treasure and took part in lots of pirate related learning activities. The sound of pirate shouts filling the lower corridor suggested that everyone had a great day, including the adults whose costumes and pirate voices were very impressive!

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the last of the sunshine!

Elizabeth