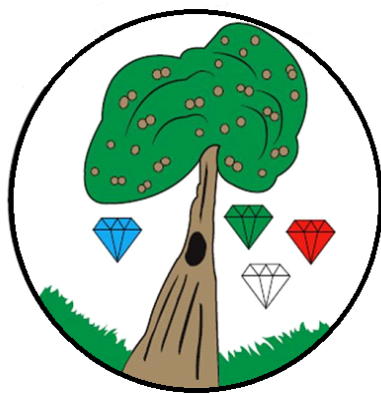


BESSEMER NEWS

Friday 4th September 2020



Welcome Back!

It has been fantastic to see all of the children back in school this week. We have had a gentle start, getting used to new routines, remembering the rules, meeting new teachers and completing some fabulous art work for our virtual art exhibition next month. All of the children have adapted amazingly well and seem very happy to be back.

Dates for your diary.....

25th 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 school
applications for Year 6

As we can not invite you in
for our usual maths and
English workshops we will be
filming them and adding
them to our website. We will
let you know when they are
ready.

Our Curriculum

We are adapting our curriculum to ensure that we prioritise areas of learning that were missed in maths, English and science last term so that we can catch up on missed learning without putting additional pressure on children by adding extra maths and English lessons to their days. Our afternoon lessons will have a strong focus on personal, social and emotional development; there will be lots of collaborative work, practical activities and discussion based tasks to help children to rebuild their confidence and social skills such as negotiation, sharing and turn taking. We will meet all parents over Zoom in October to discuss children's current levels as compared to the levels they were predicted before school closure took place.

Homework and Reading

We will be using Google Classroom to share homework tasks with children half termly (topic) and weekly (KS2 maths, KS1 spelling words, EYs home learning ideas etc). Your child will have the same log in details as they did during school closure. Children should not upload completed weekly homework, homework is not compulsory, it is provided so that parents can see what children are learning in school and practise with them at home. If children complete half termly homework tasks for their topic they will be encouraged to upload photos of this in the last week of half term so that their achievements can be shared in class. If you are unable to access Google Classroom please could you inform the school office. Children will still be bringing home reading books, but we will not be using reading cards or reading diaries, records of 1:1 reading in school will be kept in school. Please continue to read at home every day and return books when they are finished.

Pick Up Time

We are working hard to develop workable systems for pick up time to speed up the process and reduce congestion. We are grateful for your patience as we do so! If you would like to avoid the congestion by allowing your KS2 child to leave school alone and meet you further from the school then please email the school office giving your permission for this.

Thank you all for your ongoing support, have a great weekend!

Elizabeth