



BESSEMER NEWS

Thursday 22nd October 2020

Diary Dates

- 23rd October - tutorial day, school closed for children
- 23rd October - virtual art exhibition opens
- 26th October - 30th October half term holiday
- 31st October - Deadline for secondary applications Yr 6

Parking

The council have had numerous complaints about parent parking at drop off and pick up time. Please show consideration for our neighbours and for the safety of our children and do not park on the zig zags, double yellow lines or across drive ways or the barriers. **Nairne Grove is closed during drop off and pick up, and the enforcement camera went live this week.**

Art Exhibition

This year our art exhibition, themed 'Identity' will be virtual. On Friday 23rd October you will be able to take a virtual tour of the exhibition on our school website, please look out for the link which we will email to you. Each child's art work will also be photographed and included in a year group gallery. If you would like to purchase your child's artwork it will be available for sale from 26th October - 6th November on **Parentmail**. Framed original pictures will cost £10 and framed copies will also cost £10. Purchased original pictures will be delivered to your child class by Friday 13th November unless you have requested framed copies. Copies and their originals will be delivered no later than Friday 4th December. If you have any problems ordering or viewing the gallery/ images please email the school office.

Changes to Drop Off and Pick Up Times

As the weather becomes colder and wetter we know the gap between drop off and pick up times for different year groups is more challenging. Unfortunately we cannot return to our usual drop off and pick up times due to the need to keep bubbles separate and reduce congestion outside the gates. However, after half term there will be some adjustments to the timings to ensure that most people do not have to wait more than 15 minutes between collecting siblings. There are a few cases of children in Years R,2,4 or 6 with siblings in Nursery for whom this does not work and the gap is longer. This only affects a small number of families, if your family is affected in this way please contact the office and we will try to reduce your wait to 15 minutes. We regret that we cannot release siblings together for all families as the numbers across the school make this unmanageable. I appreciate that timings have only be changed by 5 or 10 minutes, but please note the new times and be punctual. If congestion becomes worse as a result of these changes we will have to return to the original timings, so please do your best to observe social distancing and leave as quickly as possible. The new timings are below.

Year Group	Drop off time	Drop off gate	Pick up time	Pick up gate
Little Stars	Any time from 8.00	Blue gate	Any time up to 5.45	Blue gate
Nursery	8.55am (morning and full time children)	Black EYs gate (morning and full time children at 8.55)	11.55 (morning children)	Green EYs gate (morning children at 11.55)
	12.40 (afternoon children)	Green EYs gate (afternoon children at 12.40)	3.40 (afternoon and full time children)	Black EYs gate (afternoon and full time children at 3.40)
Reception				
Moonbeam and Sunshine	8.45	Black EYs gate	3.10	Black EYs gate
Rainbow	8.45	Green EYs gate	3.10	Green EYs gate
Year 1	8.55	Black KS1 gate	3.25	Red gate (1AS & 1JM) Black KS1 gate (1AM)
Year 2	8.45	Black KS1 gate	3.15	Red gate (2ER & 2JW) Black KS1 gate (2LC)
Year 3	8.55	Black 3/4 gate	3.20 (3LM) 3.25 (3LS & 3CB)	Black 3/4 gate
Year 4	8.45	Black 3/4 gate	3.10 (4KL) 3.15 (4HB & 4SB)	Black 3/4 gate
Year 5	8.55	Black 5/6 gate	3.25	Black 5/6 gates
Year 6	8.45	Black 5/6 gate	3.15	Black 5/6 gates

School Bags

Thank you to everyone who has encouraged their children to manage without a school bag this half term, it has made regular cleaning easier and has reduced the risk of transmission by limiting the items brought into the classrooms. We are constantly reviewing our risk assessment and as we move into winter we are aware that children will need to store gloves, hats and scarfs and that reading books may get wet while being returned. Therefore, children will be allowed to bring bags if needed after half term. No other items, e.g. books, stationary, toys or umbrellas should be brought in however and we ask you to clean children's bags regularly.

Thank you for all of your support and understanding this half term, it has been much appreciated, have a great break!

Elizabeth



Celebration Week

19th - 23rd

Class	Star of the week	Writer of the week	Mathematician of the week	Scientist of the week per year group
Moonbeam	Trey	Stanley	Elham	Tayla
Sunshine	Finn	Lina	Alex	
Rainbow	Agnes	Benjamin	Gabriel	
1AM	Auyb & Sophie	Stella-Lucia	Fred	Abemelek
1AS	Elena	Johnny	Abass	
1JM	Madison	Aoife	Daniel	
2LC	Einas	Tofarati	Ella	
2ER	Andrea	Nilah		
2JW	Gloria	Ruby	Eve	
3AF				Tate
3LS	Florence	Jadene	Eisa	
3CB	Cyra	Brogan	Iona	
3LM	Sophie	Leo	Nathaniel	
4HB	Thomas P	Patsy/Thomas G	Nife	
4SB	Alex	Reuben	Abe	
4KL	Woody	Kayla	Godspower	
5LC		Jessica	Tassie	
5AC	Edith	Lassie	Abdul	
5JB	Kyrane	Tim	Leah	
5RS	Tassie	Samuel	Maia	
6BN		Linda	Rurshawn & Nicole	
6MS	Daisy	William J	William B	
6YH	Emily	Rufus	Ruby	

Winning Gem house for this week is: Diamonds