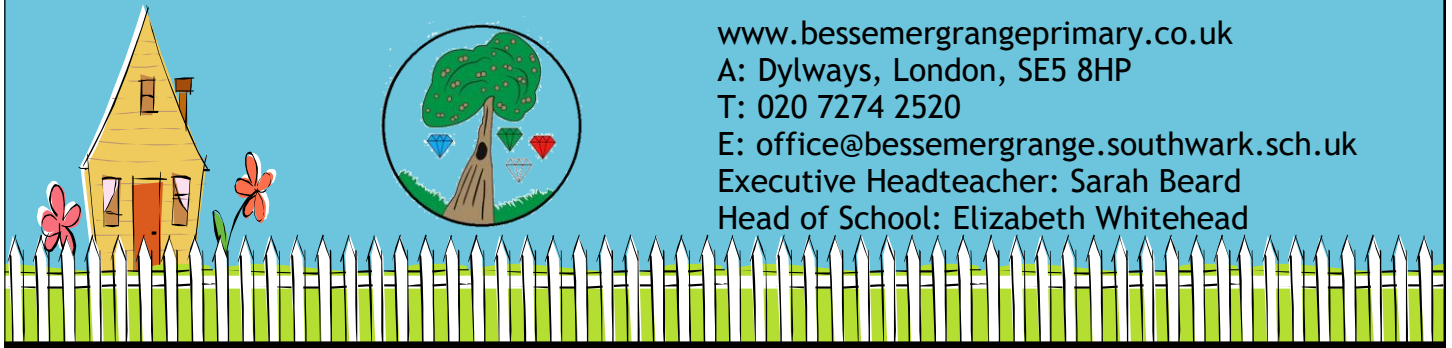


BESSEMER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February, half term holiday

News

Live Lessons

As you will have read in yesterday's letter we are introducing live lessons next week. We are really excited about this addition to our online learning provision and the teachers can't wait to hear children actually answering the questions they ask! If you have not yet read the letter about live lessons please do so as it contains important information and rules for engaging in live lessons which we need you to share with your children.

We will not be recording our live lessons, based on HR advice, so you do need to attend them at the designated times:

Nursery - 10.00am

Reception - 9.30am

Year 1 - 1.00pm

Year 2 - 2.30pm

Year 3 - 3.00pm

Year 4 - 2.00pm

Year 5 - 1.30pm

Year 6 - 12.00 noon

The lessons will be on Google Meets, which is accessed through Google Classroom, where you will find instructions for joining. If you are unable to attend your live meeting please inform your teacher on the stream if possible and have a look at the work attached to the lesson as well.

If we find that attendance at live lessons is low we may have to stop them and have pre recorded lessons for the wider curriculum so that as many children as possible can access them. If you are struggling to access online learning please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Timetables

You will have noticed that teachers have posted daily timetables on Google Classroom. With the exception of the live lessons and meetings which are at set times, these are suggested timetables. We understand that you may not be able to stick to the suggested timings and this is not a problem. The timetables are intended to help children to structure their days and to ensure that they are doing enough home learning. It is more important to look at the amount of time that should be spent on each activity than the time at which the activity takes place, although you will probably find that following the timetable, or a similar one of your own is helpful.

Star of The Week / Uploading Work

From next week we will be awarding star, writer and mathematician of the week certificates for online learning and in school. I will award school-based certificates in person and those for home learning will be announced in a pre-recorded awards assembly that will be posted on Google Classroom on Fridays, although they may be awarded to individuals in the Friday wellbeing meetings as well. If your child is doing online learning then they will need to upload some work to Google Classroom to be considered for certificates. It is great if children upload all of their work as this allows teachers to provide feedback and identify areas of need, as well as providing motivation for the children. However, we do understand that this can be time consuming and that some parents feel able to provide children with feedback on some pieces of work themselves. If this is the case please do try to upload some work each day for the teachers to see, especially pieces children need more help with or are particularly proud of. If you have problems with uploading work please contact the school office for help or an alternative solution.

Assemblies

While I absolutely loved seeing you all in my live assemblies, from next week the live lesson timetable will make it very difficult to schedule further live assemblies. We will be moving to prerecorded weekly assemblies that will be shared on Google Classroom and can be watched at a time that is convenient for families.

Registers

Please make sure you go into the register on Google Classroom every day and mark 'yes' to show that your child is doing their online learning. Of course children can still use the stream to tell everyone they are there and say good morning, but we use the registers to monitor how many people are accessing learning.

Feedback on Google Classroom

Next week some teachers will be trying out using voice notes to provide feedback on children's uploaded work, rather than written feedback, so please look out for this.

Free School Meals

From next week children who are eligible for Pupil Premium will be receiving food vouchers instead of food parcels. These will be sent out by email, please contact the school office if you have not received one by the end of next week and believe you are eligible.

Word of The Week

The word of the week is **endeavour**. Please help your child to find out the meaning and origin of the word and to use it as much as possible at home! Teachers will be looking out for it in children's writing and it will be discussed in Zoom meetings or in class.

Thank you to all of the children and families who logged in to my live assemblies yesterday, it was so lovely to see you all and to talk to so many children! We are missing you all very much and can't wait to have all the children back in school.

Have a lovely weekend,

Elizabeth