

BESSEMER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 31st March - Break up for Easter

Monday 19th April - Children return to school (Inset Day cancelled)

We will be having a tutorial day in the first half of the summer term. We will let you know the exact date as soon as it is confirmed.

Thursday 22nd July - Last day of term for children (Change of date)

News

Return to School

It has been fantastic to have all the children back in school this week! Everyone seems happy to be back and has settled in well. The children have done an amazing job of sticking to their class bubbles and understanding the restrictions in place and this certainly hasn't stood in the way of a very enjoyable first week back in school.

Lunches

We are still alternating between cold lunches in class and hot lunches in the dining hall, except for Nursery and Reception children who have hot lunch every day. The menus for school lunches can be found on the school website. If your child has a packed lunch please remember that we have a healthy eating approach to lunch and that children are not allowed to bring in crisps, sweets, chocolate bars, cake, sweet biscuits or drinks other than water. Children are also not allowed nuts, nut products or uncut grapes in school.

In order to keep all of our bubbles separate, classes in KS2 are now required to wait in the lunch hall after they finish eating, rather than going straight to the playground. To make this easier for them they are encouraged to sit with their friends (within their bubble) or bring a book to lunch with them. For this reason, children in KS2 are now allowed to bring a book from home to school each day if they would like to.

Homework

Homework (maths for KS2, spellings for all) will continue to be shared with children on Google Classroom every week. Homework is not compulsory (except in Year 6 where children need to get used to the homework expectations they will encounter at secondary school) however it is useful for children to practise the skills they have learnt during the week. Spellings are taught in school, but it is helpful to practise them at home as well.

Celebrations

Please see the final page of the newsletter for the list of children who received certificates for Star of the Week, Writer of the Week, Mathematician of the Week and Scientist of the Week this week. It was lovely to be able to present certificates to children in front of their whole class and the rest of their Key Stage again, even if it was over Zoom!

Website

Please remember that all school letters and important information about school, such as our risk assessment, can be found on our website. We have also added some of your fantastic World Book Day pictures and will soon be adding some great pictures from Express Yourself Day and a celebration of home learning as well, so please do have a look.

Parking at Pick Up Time

Please only park in designated parking spaces when picking children up from school, it is really dangerous to park on the pavements, on the yellow lines or in the middle of the road. Please help to keep our children safe!

Lateral Flow Testing

Last week I shared a link for information about Lateral Flow Covid tests, which can now be ordered by families with a child in school. Primary school children are not currently being asked to carry out regular lateral flow testing, and this is not something we are requesting you do. I shared the information for those who would find the ability to test regularly reassuring, especially as restrictions are eased and people start to be allowed to meet up with family members and friends. However, having shared the information, there are some points that I should clarify:

- Lateral flow tests carried out at home are for asymptomatic testing and should not be used if someone has Covid symptoms, in that case a PCR test should be booked or ordered.
- A positive result from a lateral flow test carried out at home should be confirmed by also taking a PCR test. However, all contacts, including school bubbles, should be told to isolate based on the positive lateral flow test result. If the following PCR test result is negative the isolation can be stopped.
- If someone has had Covid, it is possible that they will receive a positive result if they take a lateral flow test in the 90 days afterwards. Therefore people who have had Covid should only take a test in the three months following if they experience further symptoms and in that case they should take a PCR test.

Word of The Week

The word of the week next week is **glimpse**. 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 in conversations in class.

Have a great weekend,

Elizabeth



Celebrations



| Class | Star of the Week | Writer of the Week | Mathematician of the Week | Scientist of the Week |
|----------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Rainbow | Jacob | Phoenix | Elliott | |
| Sunshine | Brandon | Talya | Temi | |
| Moonbeam | Kelsey | Faye | Pierre | |
| 1AM | Billy | Uriel | Ayub | |
| 1AS | Florence | Abemelek | Lucie | |
| 1JM | Mariatu | Rose | Sammy | |
| 2LC | Virtue | Johanna | Einas | |
| 2JW | Florence | Fox | Violet | |
| 2ER | Gabriel | Azariah | Elisa | Florence |
| 3LM | Zach | Otis | Batuhan | |
| 3CB | Iona | Rose | Eddie | Silas |
| 3LS | Amber | Heidi | Buster | |
| 3LW | | Lottie | Lekha | |
| 4SB | Tomai | Alex | Victoria | |
| 4KL | Alice | Woody | Yasmin | |
| 4HB | Oliver Riley | Elizabeth | Leo | |
| 5AC | Logan | Sumayya | Lassie | |
| 5RS | Tassie | Oliver | Sophie | |
| 5JB | Frank | Chako | Leon | |
| 5JN | | Rosie | Rebekah | |
| 6MS | Jahziel | Daisy | Jethro | |
| 6YH | Khalid | Alfie | Mi | |
| 6LT | Sophie | Nicole | Princess | |
| 6JK | | Emily | Shaniyah | |

