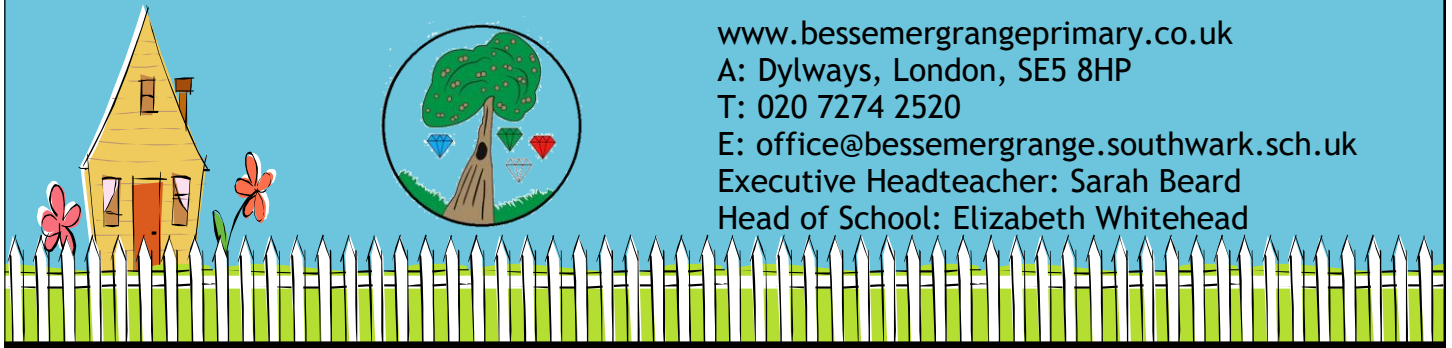


BESSEMER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 8th March - Full School Reopening

Wednesday 31st March - Break up for Easter

News

School Reopening

We are so happy to be welcoming all children back to school on Monday! Please check last week's newsletter or the front page of the website to ensure you know the drop off and pick up times and gates for your child's class bubble.

Due to the number of parents present at drop off and pick up times it is really important that you are punctual and drop off or pick up your child quickly. Please could only one adult per family come to drop off and pick up to try to reduce the congestion, and could all adults please wear face coverings and observe social distancing while lining up at the gates.

Children should wear their school uniform as usual, but with trainers or shoes suitable for the nature garden. Children must wear trainers and P.E. kit to school on their P.E. days, which were shared in each year's half termly newsletters.

Children can bring a book bag to school with their reading book and should also bring a water bottle, other than that the only items allowed from home are packed lunches if desired, cold weather clothing if needed and medication if previously agreed. Children can not bring toys or other non-essential items to school.

Discussion Time

We know that while some children are very keen to get back to school, others are feeling a little unsure about it after a long period of absence. Please let us know if your child is anxious about returning to school and we will do what we can to support them.

We are putting together our Recovery Curriculum to support children's academic, personal, social and emotional needs after the challenging experience of lockdown and this will be fully implemented after Easter. For now we will be focusing on our usual quality first teaching in all subjects and opportunities to play, share, collaborate and talk. We will be introducing daily 'Discussion Time' in school, with discussion boxes in each class for children to share their thoughts, worries or questions about lockdown, the pandemic and returning to school. This will be done anonymously and the children's contributions will form the basis of the discussion session. Please encourage your child to use the box if there are things they would like to talk about in these sessions.

New Staff

We are welcoming some temporary staff next week, a new teacher in Year 5 and some new teaching assistants across the school; Ms Allen will be teaching 5JB, Jessica Baylis will be a TA in Year 2, Nereida Perez will be a TA working across the school and David Smith will be a TA in Moonbeam class. Natalie Rivers will be returning to Year 2 on Fridays.

Road Closure

Please remember that the school drop off and pick up time road closure starts at the sign at the beginning of the cul-de-sac, not at the barriers. Even if the barriers are down, the road closure is still in place during the times stated on the signs. The enforcement camera is activated and several tickets have been issued.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

If you have not booked your child's place in breakfast Club or After School Club but are planning to do so, please call or email the office to check availability as places for each year group are limited. Please remember that Breakfast Club and ASC will operate year group bubbles as explained last week.

Lateral Flow Tests

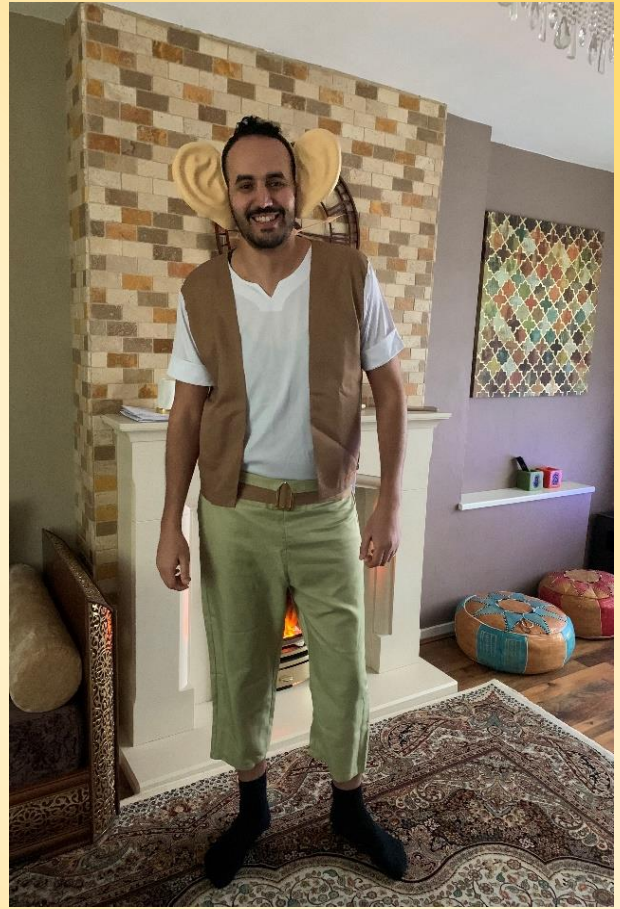
Families with a child at school can now order lateral flow test kits for non-symptomatic testing at home:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

World Book Day

We have all had a great time celebrating World Book Day, we've seen some brilliant costumes at home and in school, children have shared favourite books and thoroughly enjoyed some live author events as part of The Children's Book Show Digital Festival. F@B are putting together a gallery of pictures of the children's amazing costumes, but here are a few pictures of the costumes the staff were wearing!





Word of The Week

The word of the week next week is **Incredible**. 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.

Thank you so much to all of you for your support throughout this school closure. We have really appreciated the positive messages we have received and the way you have supported children's learning while juggling your own commitments has been amazing. We can't wait to see everyone again next week, have a great weekend,

Elizabeth