



# Belmont C of E Primary School Autumn Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

The last couple of weeks have been quite a time in the life of our country and one which I am sure will stay with us all for the rest of our lives. Our children are certainly living through some key historical events. The death of our greatly admired and respected Queen is a great loss to our country and we have helped the children to reflect on the life and achievements of our longest serving monarch. We do intend to work together as a whole school to create a lasting memorial to the Queen, but this will be decided in due course over the forthcoming weeks. During this time, we are continuing to support the children to manage their feelings and emotions as we know many of them have struggled a little over the last fortnight.

## Meet the Teacher

It was fantastic to see so many of you this week at our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. If you were unable to make this session, the PowerPoint presentations have been emailed home.

## Safeguarding

Keeping children safe from harm is our number one priority. We will always act upon any concerns individuals have, or any disclosures from children. Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are Myself, Miss Jubb, Mrs Patterson and Mrs Sleeman so please get in touch and come and speak to us if you have worries about the safety of a child. However, if you have any concerns outside of school, or if you have a concern about a child or young person's welfare, it is essential that you call First Contact on: 03000 267979. First Contact is a service which brings together staff from Children and Young People's Services with partners such as Durham Constabulary and Health. When you contact First Contact, you will speak to a trained officer who will work with you to decide the level of response needed. Providing early help to children, young people and their families is their priority.

### Attendance

Good school attendance is crucial to academic success. We analyse the attendance of every single child in school and as soon as attendance starts to dip below 95%, then this could result in a phone call or meeting. This year, we are sharing the attendance of every year group on a fortnightly basis as it is really important that parents and carers are aware of the attendance across school too.

Attendance	
Reception	93.2%
Year 1	95.9%
Year 2	96.8%
Year 3	93.8%
Year 4	96.5%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 6	98.1%

If your child is absent from school, please remember to contact our school office on their first day of absence. Thank you.

### Colour Run

We are very excited for our colour run event on Monday where every class in the school, from Nursery to Year 6, will participate in the fun run. Just a reminder that children are to come into school in their old clothes and bring a spare set to get changed into along with shoes and a towel. Their second set of clothes should be non-uniform (may get dirty with excess paint). If your child usually has PE on Monday, they should wear their PE kit as their second set of clothes. Thank you!

### MacMillan Coffee morning and afternoon

We are looking forward to inviting our families back into school for this popular fundraising event. The children will enjoy their cake in the morning and parents/carers/grandparents are welcome to join us in the afternoon from 2:30pm-3:15pm. We welcome donations please of 'shop bought' cakes and biscuits to sell. Unfortunately, we are unable to sell homemade baking. If you would like your child to take part in the coffee morning, please send a donation of money into school on Friday.

### Football

This week, we took our Year 5/6 boys football team to Chester-le-Street C of E Primary School to play their first games of the season. This was the first time that they boys had played together as a team in a match. They played brilliantly and supported one another throughout. We were successful with 2 wins and 1 defeat.

We look forward to start the girls Year 5/6 football league on Tuesday.

### Healthy School- Snacks at playtime

Children in EYFS and KS1 are provided with fruit or vegetables for their morning playtime healthy snack. Children in KS2 are welcome to bring a healthy snack into school for playtime. Please ensure this snack is healthy and stored separately from their packed lunch box. Please see suggestions below. Thank you.

- Fruit – fresh or dried
- Vegetables
- Babybel
- Cereal bar (no chocolate)
- Fruit winder

Crisps, chocolate, sweets or chocolate coated snacks are not permitted.

### Tea Club and after school clubs

A healthy snack tea is provided in the first session of tea club. If your child attends an after school club and then attends the second session of tea club, they will be offered a light snack such as a cereal bar or piece of fruit. Your child is welcome to bring their own snack into school for this second session.

### Worship Rainbow Values

We will be focussing on our Rainbow Promise values of forgiving, peace and patience this term.

## Forthcoming Diary Dates

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September

- Whole School Colour Run- please see email and above information
- Public consultation destruction and rebuild of our primary school and Belmont Community School. 4p.m-7p.m at Belmont Community School

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup>- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

The Big Green Week-The Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. We will be raising awareness of climate change and will be writing letters to our local MP.

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September

- European Languages Day- we are looking forward to celebrating the day with various fun activities. Children are welcome to come to school wearing any colours of the French flag or non-school uniform.

- Play Leader training - selected children will take part in play leader training with SSP staff. This is aimed to increase the games and physical activity delivered by children at playtimes.

#### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

- MacMillan Coffee morning and afternoon. The children will participate during the morning and parent/carers/grandparents are invited to a coffee afternoon in the Dove Hall from 2:30p.m- 3:15p.m.
- Roald Dahl Day- see email

#### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

- Y3 visit to the Mandir

#### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

- Year 4 visit to the Mandir

Please see attached diary dates for the rest of the term.

Kindest regards,

Mrs H-Brown

Head Teacher