

## Belmont School

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems such a long time since I have been able to write you a "normal" Newsletter, but with the end of term now approaching fast this feels like a good moment to write an End of Year Newsletter and share some good news and some updates with you, as well as signpost what our return to school in September may look like.

For the last 2 weeks it has been an absolute pleasure to welcome back pupils from our Reception and Year 6 classes. The children have been enjoying themselves, although they have been in small class "bubbles" of fewer than 15. This is an important milestone for both year groups as they get ready to transition to the next stage of their education. For Year 6 in particular, this is an important "ending" and we wish them every success for the future and will always remember this wonderful and talented "Class of 2020".

In the meantime our key worker provision remains open but this will NOT continue after 17<sup>th</sup> July which is the last day of term for our pupils. We will not be closing early on the last day of term and the pupils who are attending school should be collected at the times previously agreed.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support through these difficult times. We know that many families and children will have found lockdown a very uncertain and stressful experience and our major priority for supporting children returning to school now and in September is ensuring that we plan for their social and emotional wellbeing across our curriculum. Our staff teams have continued to plan weekly learning for all year groups via Microsoft Teams and this will be running until the end of term.

We had some great news a few days ago – Belmont School has been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark in recognition of the curriculum development and pupils' learning in Science this year. Mr Wild and Miss Dindo are to be congratulated on their work in leading this project.

Yours sincerely,

Ms L Shaw  
Headteacher



**Safeguarding remains  
'EVERYONES BUSINESS AT  
BELMONT SCHOOL.'**

Harrow Children Services' Golden Number is available to everyone, and gives people one number to call for information or advice on services for children, young people and their families.

**Golden Number: 020 8901 2690.**



## **Staffing Update**

### **Leavers:**

We are sorry to be saying farewell to the following staff at the end of the school year: Miss Johnson (Reception Class teacher) is taking up a post in a school closer to her home; Miss Dindo (Year 6 teacher) and Mr Slote (Year 4 teacher) are returning to Canada; Mr Hidalgo (Spanish teacher) has decided to return to Spain; and Miss Wilson (Trainee teacher, Year 6) hopes to take up a NQT post in another school. All of these teachers have been popular and valued members of our school team and we will miss them all.

We have two long serving members of our Office team taking retirement - Mrs Egan and our Business Manager, Mrs Shaw. I would like to thank them both for their many years of service to the school and to wish them all the best.

### **Starters:**

We are pleased to welcome the following new (and in some cases not quite new!) staff for September:

- Miss Anderson who spent a year teaching in Belmont in 2014-15 re-joins us as a Year 4 teacher
- Miss Langeveldt who has been a trainee teacher with us, is now joining us as a Year 3 teacher
- Miss Amiri joins us as a Year 1 teacher
- Mr Henderson joins us as a Reception teacher
- Mr Brett will now be an Associate Teacher in Year 1
- Ms Avhad will continue with us as Interim Business and Personnel Manager

## **End of Year School Reports**

You will be receiving your children's End of Year Reports electronically by email on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Do let us know if you do not receive this for any reason by contacting the School Office. Please note that comments on attendance in Reports only relate to the period from September 2019 to the Lockdown in March this year.

We will only be able to send hard copies to our Year 6 leavers this year due to limited staffing in our School Office at this time. However, we will be holding early Parent Meetings in the Autumn term to discuss your children's learning and progress and this will also be an opportunity to discuss the End of Year Report for your child/ren.

## **Children's belongings and Medicine**

Our Parent Ambassadors have been busy organising your children's belongings so that you can collect these from the school before the end of term. Please make sure you look out for information from your children's year groups about collection dates and times. The same arrangements apply for children's medicines kept in school. Please make sure you collect this, check it is still in date and dispose of it safely if it is out of date. You should bring medicines back when your child returns to school in September.

## **Preparing for full reopening and returning to school in September**

As you will know from the news and media, the Government has made it clear that schools should be re-opening for ALL pupils from September. We are already working very hard to plan for this and our partial reopening has helped us to put in place systems and "protective measures" which will help us to welcome back all of our pupils as well as plan for a safe and successful start for new Nursery and Reception children. Last week the government published its latest detailed Guidance which you can read via the link below:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools)

I will be writing to you in more detail to outline how we plan to re-open to all pupils when we have carried out and consulted with staff on a full risk assessment to support this.

Thank you for your continued support