



Bewsey Lodge Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th January 2021

Here we are again...

How you can help as a parent/carer...

Firstly – please remember that remote learning online is new for most of our teachers and it won't be perfect straight away. Some are very nervous because they want to be the best for the children and sometimes lessons might not go as planned. Be assured it will get better as time passes and also be assured that we are trying our very best.....

1. Make sure your child is online and working in a space set up for learning like a kitchen table.
2. Follow the timetable set out by the teacher.
3. Email the teacher straight away if you are having problems – they are always contactable.
4. Be around to help your child where possible.
5. Encourage the children to take break times away from the screen – get some fresh air or have time to play.
6. Talk to your child about their learning and the work that has been marked.

Thanks for your support, Mrs E Wright

Well, we're back in lockdown again and clearly not yet out of the woods. Although we don't know how long we will be working like this, we are all in a very positive place here in school and ready to give online learning our first go...

Before Christmas, teachers spent hours and hours planning and preparing for this new term. They had ordered resources and decorations to make their classrooms 'sing' about their topic and children had been assessed so teachers knew exactly where they were heading with their learning. Over the holidays, teachers then wrote up their planning and finalised the tasks to be taught for the next 6 weeks. To be told 1.5 days before the return to school that actually, school won't be opening and we need to teach the vast majority of children remotely was truly heartbreaking. Teachers have reflected not only on the amount of time and work which they have put into plans for January but also on how hard they and the children have worked together (over the last term) to begin to catch up what they missed last year. We all came into school on Tuesday and began planning out how school would look for the children who would be in and of course those who remain at home. Remote learning (which means learning via paper packs, online lessons, website links and pre-recorded content) has to mirror what is going on in school. We are confident that, over the next few weeks, we will be delivering a curriculum which is as broad as possible and which gives the children lots of opportunities to interact with their teacher, their friends and also to get feedback on their work so they can continue to make progress.

Teachers spent all day yesterday organizing devices for children to loan, preparing packs and recording content so next week we should take our first steps into this new, online world. Teaching Assistants have been in charge of making these first 3 days back in school settling and fun for the children. I just want to take this opportunity to thank all of my team... Teachers have had to start from scratch with their plans and had to teach themselves (very quickly) how to deliver online lessons, record content and upload to you tube and the website. TAs, with very little warning, have taken up the reigns and taught the children brilliantly this week and they will continue to take groups of children and (for some) teach remotely next week. The office team have been bombarded with messages, phone calls and emails making sure that everything is communicated as fast as possible and that our children needing vouchers have those in place asap. Not one person has complained about the situation at all, everyone has taken up the new challenges with a positive attitude and whilst taking on new roles and learning new skills can be a bit scary, everyone is finding the silver lining in this cloud and are feeling excited and positive about what the next few weeks will bring.

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