



Beeston Primary School

Town Street, Leeds, LS11 8PN

“Promoting a love of learning”



12th February, 2021

Thank You and Well Done

Dear Parents / Carers,

First of all, we wanted to say a huge well done to you all. The past half term has been tricky for everyone and we are incredibly proud of our whole school community and the ways in which everyone has adapted to the challenges of a National Lockdown.

School Closure Learning Rewards

Thank you to all of those children who entered Patrick Bamford's certificate competition. A winning certificate was chosen from each class and this short list has been sent to Patrick himself to judge. He is going to choose the very best and sign them so they can be awarded to pupils across the school. The standard of entries was incredibly high and we can't wait to see Patrick's favourites; he has a really hard job to do. As soon as the winners have been chosen we will let you know!

Patrick's Matchworn Shirt

Donating money, recording a video and judging competitions is not all Patrick Bamford is doing for Beeston Primary School. When Mrs Tidey met with Patrick, he promised he would continue to support Beeston Primary School and help us all get through the tough times. In addition, the school has a very strong link with the **Leeds United Foundation** and together with Patrick's generosity they have helped facilitate some WONDERFUL prizes and incentives to help keep us all going.

All staff in school are going to start to give out raffle tickets to pupils to reward and motivate them. They will look at our school characteristics of learning e.g. Growth Mindset Green; Perfect Purple and Tangerine Teamwork as well as effort and improvement in school work. All of the raffle tickets will be entered into a prize draw. The main prize will be one of Patrick's Matchworn shirts which he will personally sign with a message to the winner. **WHAT A PRIZE !!**

We have some further amazing prizes from Patrick too. Parents and families will be able to buy raffle tickets at a small cost; all proceeds will go towards Beeston Primary School Fund and will be invested in resources to help improve learning opportunities for all children. Further information to follow soon.

Leeds United Virtual Mascots

On Tuesday 23rd February, Leeds United are playing Southampton. Eleven of our children have been chosen to represent Beeston Primary School and take part in a once in a life time experience. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, they will not be able to join the players in person but instead will be there via a video call link. Please watch out for them on TV and cheer them on.

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Next Steps in Remote Learning

Thank you to those parents and carers who took the time to give us feedback on our remote learning offer. We are delighted with your comments and can see that you appreciate all of the hard work which we have put into supporting those children and families who are learning at home.

As well as offering thanks, feedback has also helped us to recognise and plan for the next steps to improve. A large majority of parents told us that they would like their children to take part in some small 'live' lessons with their teachers. Our recorded 'on demand' lessons have been a real success and enabled children to access them at a time which best suits them as well as being able to pause and rewind explanations. However, we recognise that one of the things which children need and miss the most is social interaction with their friends. As such, you will soon receive a text message from school asking you to agree to our live lessons parent/ school agreement. These are important rules which we have put in place in order to keep everyone safe. If you would like your child to join in with a short live lesson e.g. a story time or Guided Reading lesson then it essential that you follow the link and agree to the conditions. Once we have an idea of pupil numbers then teachers will let you know times and sessions and we can start to allow the children opportunities to 'see' their peers online and talk to school staff.

Half Term

Next week is half term, please take the time to enjoy some family time and take a break from school work. These are unprecedented times and everyone needs a rest and an opportunity to recharge the batteries.

Although our staff are also taking a well-deserved break, our COVID test email account will still be monitored. If your child is attending school and anyone in your household bubble tests positive for COVID-19 during the half term break, this must still be reported to school by emailing positivecovid@beestonprimary.org. Your support with this is hugely appreciated.

School will be open again for critical worker and vulnerable children on Monday 22nd February and work will be back on Tapestry and Teams from 6.00pm on Sunday 21st.

We shall all be watching and listening to the briefing from Downing Street on 22nd February to find out more about if, how and when we are able to open up our school doors to everyone once more. Fingers crossed!

Best wishes,

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