

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the school,

Welcome back everyone to the second half of this term. It has been lovely to catch up with the pupils, when I visited all classes on Tuesday, and I am delighted at how quickly everyone has settled back into school, ready to learn. Thank you for the positive comments, on the playground this week, regarding your child's parents evening meeting. We certainly miss conducting this event in person, but are hopeful this is only for a limited period.

If you have missed your appointment slot then please contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time with your child's class teacher.

### **Covid cases update.**

Sadly, our planned Foundation Stage 2 concerts in December, have now been cancelled. This is due to a continuing rise of Covid cases in school amongst staff and pupils. As you are aware from the Leeds city council's risk assessment, large crowds of visitors are not allowed inside the school building when Covid cases remain high in a school.

Like the rest of the classes, Foundation Stage will be filming a short carol concert instead; which parents will be able to access via Facebook and our School website. More details to follow.

### **Governor Monitoring Visits.**

As you are aware, one of the key roles for the Governing Board of our school is to monitor key areas linked to our school improvement plan. Please find below an extract from their recent monitoring visit.

*As Governor responsible for Safeguarding, I visited Mrs Knowles to discuss the changes in Keeping Children Safe in Education issued by the DfE in September 2021. I am confident that Beeston Primary School goes above and beyond compliance with the legal duties required to safeguard*

*and promote the welfare of children in school'. (Extract taken from report to the Governing board by Lindsey Hegarty - Vice Chair of Governors with responsibilities for safeguarding and child protection).*

### **Safeguarding updates**

Recently on the playground, I have come across children discussing the Netflix series Squid Game despite its PEGI rating of 15 and over. Please follow the link below to find out how to safeguard your child from accessing this show.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know>

### **Times tables rock stars (TTRS)**

This week, it was great to see so many children dressed up as rock stars to celebrate our re-launch of Times Tables Rock Stars. TTRS helps pupils with their times tables recall speed and is an engaging way to do daily practice.

So many pupils took part in the 'knock out bonanza!' Have a look at all the fun photos on our Facebook page!

### **A polite reminder**

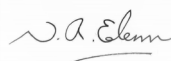
Please can I remind all families that children should not be playing on the nursery and reception play equipment at the end of the school day. Your cooperation is appreciated thanks.

### **KS1 parents**

Please look out for an online link sent to your mobile next week from Mrs Walker. She will be sending out a virtual presentation on how to support your children with the teaching of phonics post Covid. Thanks

Have a great weekend everyone. If you are celebrating Bonfire Night, this evening, then please be safe and have lots of family fun.

Best wishes,



Mr Edensor (Headteacher)

## Diary Dates

### **Training days left this school year**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
School will be closed to pupils on these days.

### **Club; this half term**

#### **Monday;**

Art & Design  
Yoga  
Diamond Art  
Multi-sports  
Karate  
Tutoring

#### **Tuesday;**

Guinea pig care  
Mini movers dance  
Tutoring

#### **Wednesday;**

Craft club  
Guinea pig care  
Tutoring

#### **Thursday;**

Multi-sports  
Guinea pig care  
Lego Art  
Tutoring

For more details, please contact the school office.

### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

End of term. School closes for a two week break and re-opens on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.