



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the school

At Beeston Primary, we pride ourselves in continuing to improve our school building and its grounds.

From Monday 14th February significant building work will begin on the Foundation Stage 2 playground. This is a very exciting time as the building work will transform the opportunities our youngest children have to learn and play during their school day. Over approximately 5 weeks, every part of the Foundation Stage 2 playground is going to be redeveloped. Although we are confident the outcome will be incredible, there will be some disruption to the school day.

Playdale construction workers will be working before, during and after school hours. When children are arriving and leaving school, fences will be erected so children and families can safely walk through the Foundation Stage 2 playground. It is therefore **extremely important** that children and families do not wait in this area or lean on the fencing. Families should use this area as a walk way to and from the Key Stage 2 playground only. Further information will be sent out shortly.

In the meantime, please have a look at the exciting outdoor plans for our children!

Celebrating our pupils

Our Pupil Rewards System is going from strength to strength and the children are very excited to receive their chosen prizes. We now have a pupil reward board in school where the house, class and individual winners for the week are displayed. The information is also displayed on our Facebook page.

Please encourage your children to log in online and check their progress. If they can't access their account at home then they can attend Mr Nicholson's Pupil Reward Club in the Computer Suite on a Tuesday lunchtime.

A polite reminder

Firstly, I would like to thank the vast majority of our parents/carers who always ensure that their child/children arrive at school on time. Recently, we have seen an increase in the number of families routinely arriving at school after our gates are closed at 8.50am. We are currently monitoring this situation and will be contacting families

who continue to arrive late. It is extremely important that all children arrive at school on time so that they can start their lessons promptly. If you are experiencing difficulties with punctuality and would like to talk to us about it, please make an appointment with Mrs Gahan our Attendance Officer.

Covid updates

Many thanks for your support and for following our systems to keep our school community as safe as possible. Staff and pupils in school continue to use rigorous safety measures but inevitably we do have some members of our school community who have been affected by the virus. Staff are being incredibly flexible and working none-stop to ensure that high quality teaching and learning still happens in school. If your child does test positive or shows any symptoms then please continue to email school, via our website, on positivecovid@beestonprimary.org. If your child does need to isolate and is well enough to access learning from home then please refer to the section on our school website

<https://www.beestonprimaryschool.co.uk/home-learning/>

The pandemic continues to adversely affect our school, especially in regards to staff absence. We had on average 30 staff off daily last week (nearly a 3rd of the school workforce) with Covid. To say we are short staffed is an understatement – we have never known so many people to be off in so many departments at the same time. Site staff, kitchen staff, cleaning staff, office staff, teachers and teaching assistants have all had to cover for other people in their teams. There are no agency/supply staff to be found anywhere – so our staff have had to fill the gaps. They have done this willingly and without complaint. I would like to say a big thank you to my amazing team. Wishing a speedy recovery to those who are not with us at the moment. We continue to do our very best in providing consistent, quality teaching for your children during these challenging times!

Have an amazing week everyone.

Mr Edensor
(Headteacher)

Clubs this term

Monday

Key Stage 1

Eco Gardening Club
Karate

Key Stage 2

Diamond Art Club
Boys Football
Girls Football
Eco Gardening Club

Tuesday

Key Stage 1

Craft Club
Mini Movers Dance Club

Key Stage 2

Craft Club

Thursday

Key Stage 1

Multi-Sports Club
Art and Design Club

Key Stage 2

Mixed Football Club
Lego Club

Plus Year 6 Booster clubs and tutoring groups held daily.

Training Days

Our next training day will be held Wednesday 16th February 2022. **School will be closed to pupils on this day.**

Nursery

Due to the high amount of Covid cases amongst pupils and staff, Nursery is closed this week. We apologise for any inconvenience.