



Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome back everyone. I hope you were all able to have a restful and relaxing summer break and enjoy some much deserved family time together.

The children have all come back to school superbly well and have already been working hard to show us what they can do. Look out for our wonderful pictures on the school Facebook page.

A huge welcome to our new children and families joining us this year. I am sure you are already starting to feel a part of our Beal Vale family. Remember we are here to help and support you with anything you may need.

COVID Update

As I am sure you have noticed, the one way system is no longer in operation around school but we do ask parents to be respectful of other people and maintain a social distance wherever possible. Also, although face coverings are no longer required on school grounds, we do respect the right of anyone to choose to wear these as a precaution. From the start of this academic year, any cases of COVID reported within school should not result in a full bubble closure. If a case is confirmed, as a result of a positive PCR test, close contacts will be informed directly by Track and Trace and not by school. This is to reduce the impact to children's education of missing school unnecessarily. We do encourage all parents to remain vigilant and book a PCR test if your child shows any of the main symptoms of COVID over the coming weeks. Please contact the school office for advice if required.

Attendance information

As a school, we regularly update parents on attendance. Good attendance is so very important for every child and I appreciate the efforts of parents and carers to support their children, particularly in these challenging times.

If an absence is covid related we have taken this into account and it is not included within the attendance figures. However, it still concerns me that the progress of some children is limited by low attendance, particularly after the extended period of home learning.

Poor punctuality and late arrivals in school also have a hugely negative impact on your child's learning. As well as the missed learning time, your child can be affected by having to walk into the classroom late and having to wait to have work re-explained to them. You will have noticed this week that classroom doors are being opened at 8:50am to help your child to be in class, sat down and ready to start by 9am when the lesson starts. If you arrive after 9am, your child **MUST** be accompanied to the school office and signed in on the inventory system.

In addition I would also highlight that holidays in term time cannot be authorised. Following national and local policies unauthorised absence may result in a fine or prosecution. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Free School Meals Scam

Several of our parents have reported receiving text messages about Free School Meals directing them to a website to input information. We believe that this is a scam designed to trick parents into giving personal details online. Please be on your guard and if you ever receive a school related email that you are unsure about, please contact the school office.

Pupil of the Week

All the children have made an excellent return to school, demonstrating our 3Rs of Respect, Responsibility and Reflection in their learning and behaviours. We are very proud of you all!

Our Pupils of the Week, this week have shown these behaviours in abundance and you will be receiving the 'celebration book' to bring home and share with your families this week. Congratulations!

Reception – Whole Class

Year 1 – Ella

Year 4 – Lewis

Year 2 – Leo

Year 5 – Scarlett

Year 3 – Kibria

Year 6 – Alfie

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

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Head Teacher