



Beulah Junior School Newsletter

September 2020

Welcome back to all our returning families and a warm welcome to any families who are new to us. We hope you are staying safe and well. A successful start to our new term has been made, despite the challenging circumstances. Children have adapted well to the new routines and are aware of the need for regular handwashing and hygiene procedures. We are still reminding them regularly about social distancing, and would be grateful if you could reinforce this at home.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation in making the staggered start and end times for year group bubbles work – your patience is appreciated, especially at collection times, where there are times when you have to wait to ensure all children are handed-over safely.

Homework and policies

We will be sending our homework policy to you by email: it is also available on the parents' section of the school website. Please read this policy carefully as your support with your child's learning at home is invaluable in enabling them to make the best progress they are capable of.

The updates to our behaviour policy (including amendments made for COVID pandemic) are also available to read on our website.

The Acceptable Use of ICT Policy will be shared with pupils next week and sent out for parents to sign next Friday.

Contact with Parents

We will not be sending any paper copies of future newsletters; these will be emailed to you and will also be available to read on the school website. Please ensure you receive these by updating your email/phone numbers. Complete and return the 'Emergency Contact' form to the school office and let us know immediately if there are any changes.

Y3 Purple Mash

We are organising a virtual Zoom meeting for Y3 parents (30.9.20 at 4:30pm) to explain the key uses of Purple Mash for completing homework. Video from this will be uploaded to the website after the meeting as reference for any other parents.



Class Dojo

We use 'dojo' points to reward children in school for their positive behaviour.

We encourage you to sign up the app so that you can share the good news when your child does well!

Please note that class dojo should only be used for positive communication (see our policy on the website). Any queries or requests to speak to class teachers or member of the leadership team should be made through the school office.

Naming uniform.

Please ensure that all uniform has your child's name in it.

Parents' Evenings on

Zoom

Obviously arrangements for Parents' Evening will have to be different this year. We plan to hold them as virtual meetings, using Zoom, over a two/three week period starting straight after half term.

If you do not already have to Zoom app, it can be downloaded free of charge onto phones, tablets, laptops or computers. You will be offered a 10 minute slot on one of the days in this week. Please email the office if it will be impossible for you to connect for 10 minutes with your child's teacher at the given time and we will try to offer an alternative

Reading Books



Reading books can be taken home, and will be quarantined when they are returned to school.

Book Return

Please encourage children to search at home for any books – especially 'Starbooks' or library books - they may have borrowed last year and they will be rewarded with 'dojo' points for any they bring back.

PE kit (Black shorts, white T-shirt, plimsolls)

PE days are subject to change to suit our flexible timetable. We suggest that PE kit is left in school for the period of one month (during which time it would be worn weekly for up to 1½ hours). We will then encourage children to take it home on the last Friday of the month to be washed and brought back the following Monday.