



Beulah Junior School Newsletter

October 2020

It has been a great half term, welcoming pupils back after the long break and settling back into school routines. We are proud of all the hard work our pupils have put in to catch up areas of the curriculum they missed during lockdown. We have also put some intervention groups in place to help pupils who are still finding it challenging to master the skills they need to move on.

Homework Reminder

Reminder that our homework expectation is as follows:

- **Spellings practised weekly**
- **Spelling activity on Purple Mash**
- **Literacy activity on Purple Mash**
- **Reading on Bug Club 3x weekly and other reading of Starbooks/Library/own books**
- **Maths activity on Education City**
- **Times table practise 3x weekly on TTRockstars**
- **Complete Numberstar homework booklet (issued every three weeks)**
- **Complete half-termly project based on Topic. Complete on computer or make and photograph and upload to Purple Mash**

Contact with Parents

Thank you for providing up-to date contact details so that we can keep you up to date through text and emails. If you are reading this on the school website, and did not receive an electronic copy via email, please contact the school office to update your details.

Closure of Y5 'Bubble'

The closure of our year 5 bubble resulted in no further cases and it was wonderful to welcome pupils back to school today. During this time, work was set for pupils to complete on our Purple Mash platform. This was completed by some pupils – well done! Unfortunately, a significant number of pupils did not complete any of the work set. The government expectation is that pupils continue their learning at home, following a programme set and monitored by their teacher.

REMINDER: During any future period of closure during term time, pupils should check Purple Mash daily to view and complete complete their tasks.



Class Dojo

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to Class Dojo to view all the positive rewards your child receives in school. If you have not signed up yet – there is still time. Download the app, find our school and your child's class and request to join.

Mrs Walsh's Retirement

After 26 years of working at Beulah, we sadly said goodbye to Mrs Walsh, as she retired this week. Many of you will know Mrs Walsh as your friendly, first point of contact in the school office.

She has ably assisted pupils, staff and parents with their queries and her valued contribution to the school will be sorely missed. If you have any messages for Mrs Walsh, please email the school office and we will ensure these are passed on.

Parents' Evenings

We will provide details of how slots for Parents' Evening will be allocated after half term. Appointments will be on Zoom. If you are unable to attend a Zoom meeting, we will be able to offer a phone consultation as an alternative. Please contact the school office if you know that you will require a phone appointment rather than Zoom.

Arrival Times

Please ensure that your child arrives as close to their year group start time as possible. Please do not send your child in more than 5-10 minutes before their allotted time, unless agreed with the Headteacher, as the increasing amount of pupils arriving early are compromising 'bubbles' which we have put in place for everyone's safety.

Half-Term and amendment to term dates

Apologies – the original term dates sent out and displayed on our website contained some errors. The last day of Autumn Term is Friday 18th December (not 16th as listed) and last day of the Spring Term is 31st March (not 1st April as listed).

We break up for half term on Friday October 23rd and return to school on Monday 2nd November.

We hope you will be able to safely enjoy some relaxation time during the break.