



# Beulah Junior School Newsletter

December 2020



We are fast approaching the end of our first term back after the long lockdown period. We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and support with all the health and safety measures we have put in place. After Christmas, we hope to be able to allow parents from one year-group bubble at a time onto the playground at collection time to ease congestion on the pavement outside school. We ask parents to wear a mask and ensure that they maintain social distancing in order for us to make this possible.

## Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evening by Zoom or phone this half-term. It was great to share details of your children's progress with you and we hope you found them useful. The new booking system was successful, and we will continue to use this for future events.

If you have not yet spoken to your child's class teacher, please contact the school office on 02086534921 to make an appointment for the teacher to call you at a suitable time.

## Christmas cards

Cards are an exciting part of Christmas for many of our pupils and we would like to allow safe sending of festive cards this year.

This is what children need to do:

- Write the cards they want to send for **CHILDREN IN THEIR BUBBLE ONLY**
- Bring cards to school in a plastic bag by **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December** (this allows time to quarantine and distribute cards before the end of the week)
- Put the bag of cards in the designated space in their classroom
- Wait for the cards to be given out and enjoy the fun!

Please note that children should not be individually handing cards to other pupils and cards will be taken from any children doing this.

## 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**

## Coats

Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school during the cold winter months. This should be clearly labelled with their name so that it can be easily identified should it be mislaid.



## Events over the Festive period



- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - £1 for charity**

- Children can wear their favourite Christmas jumper to school. Other cheerful jumpers to brighten up a winter's day are welcome if you don't have a Christmas one! Please donate £1 for this charity event.

- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE**

Sadly, due to restrictions, we are unable to attend St Paul's Church for our annual Carol Service this year. Instead we will be taking part in school and streaming the event to each class.

- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Y4 Christmas Parties** (see Friday for information).

Y4 children can bring their own clothes to change into for the party in the afternoon.

- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas dinner**

Christmas dinner will be served in the canteen on this day. Please ensure your child has a packed lunch as usual if you have not already pre-booked their Christmas meal. Children entitled to Free School Meals will automatically receive Christmas lunch.

- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – MUFTI DAY AND CLASS PARTIES – (Y3, 5 and 6) £1 for MUFTI/party food**

Children can wear their own clothes for the last day of term. Due to COVID risks, we will not be asking you to send in food this year. Children will be able to enjoy some safe party games within their bubbles and will be provided with an individual bag of food, which will be prepared in advance and quarantined before the event for safety.

- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Socially distanced performance of Y4 Production to parents and Zoom stream 2pm**

We will invite bookings for a limited number of year 4 parents to attend in person. This will be first come first served. The event will be streamed for other parents to view on line. More details will be sent to Y4 parents next week.



### **Christmas/Winter baubles - £1**

Children will be making their own version of this winter/Christmas decoration to display in school. If they wish to take it home at the end of term, there will be a charge of £1 to cover the cost of the materials. There is no obligation and if you do not wish to buy the decoration, the materials will be recycled for next year.

### **Holiday dates**

We break up on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at our normal staggered times.

Children return to school on:

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.**

**May we take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year – we hope 2021 will see some return to normal for us all.**