

# Bel Royal Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We have had a great first week back at school- the children came in so refreshed and ready for an exciting new year of learning ahead. I am sure you are very keen to find out what your child will be learning about this term, and so later this week we will be sending home by email your class curriculum letter, and also each teacher will be making a short video to welcome you to their class because unfortunately we are still unable to have parents in school for meetings due to Covid rules. These short video clips will be posted on our school YouTube channel and the links sent to you. We know this will not be the same, but we are trying our best given the rules! Mr. Mills and I will also be making a video to explain the main focuses for the year ahead!

We will also be sending with this newsletter a first draft of our Diary Dates for this year, which as you can imagine, even more than ever are subject to potential changes as we continue to monitor the guidance around Covid.

We are now almost ready to launch our new website- we will have this up and running within a couple of weeks, fingers crossed! It will have the same address as the current one...you will just notice it looking rather different!

## Covid Update

It is so tempting to think that we are not 'over' Covid, but unfortunately this is still not the case and we are currently preparing our Google Classroom and Seesaw platforms for the new year so that we can use these should we have to close a class due to Covid. Sadly, we understand some Jersey schools are already in this position, so we are working as fast and hard as we can to get this ready.

We also now have a small stock of tablet computers to loan to families that do not have access to devices should a class be closed. Let's hope we don't need to use them, but if we do, and you need one, please let us know at the time.

## Nasal Flu Vaccines- 24<sup>th</sup> September

We are sending home letters for you to give permission for your child to have the nasal flu vaccine when the team are in school on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Please return the reply slips to school as soon as possible. We have already sent out the letter from Dr. Muscat about the importance of these vaccines.

## School Handbook

During last year we completely rewrote the school handbook. The new version was sent out to parents in Nursery and Reception as part of their induction into school. We have attached a copy with this newsletter for everyone else. It contains all sorts of useful information, so we hope you will find it easy to read and informative.

## Tutoring and Clubs

We are almost ready to start our tutoring for this term. If your child will be offered a place in one of our sessions, you will be contacted directly very soon. The feedback on this last term was fabulous and we are looking forward to even more success this term!

We are also in the process of organising our school-based clubs this week and you can expect a letter very soon to explain what we are able to offer this term. Our staff run clubs voluntarily in their own time, so we are incredibly grateful for them providing these.

### PTA

Look out for our first PTA meeting with our new team! We will be setting up the constitution, bank accounts etc behind the scenes, and also planning the events that we are hoping to put on this term. Clearly Covid will impact on some arrangements, but we are hoping some will be able to go ahead, even with amendments! They will be needing your support to run events, so please offer your help if you can!

### Tinathon

Last year we had great success supporting the Tinathon where we were recognised as a school by the organisers for our wonderful contribution we made. We are once again supporting this great event, which supplies food to the local Shelter Trust. They are looking for contributions of tinned food- meat, fish, vegetables, fruit etc Now is a good time to root around in your cupboards and see if you have something to spare! Please send in contributions with the children or into the foyer area. Many thanks in advance for your support. Attached is a poster with more information. The tins will be collected on 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### Traffic and Transport

As I mentioned last year, we are still working with the Parish and the Department for Infrastructure to see what can be done to improve traffic flow around the school.

We are trying to return to normal school day timings after the shortened times through Covid. This does mean that we now have all of KS2 leaving at the same time, albeit through the same traffic system, and this can cause congestion.

Of course, the best way to reduce traffic, is for more people to walk and cycle to school! If you can, please do! If you can't and need to come by car, please be patient and follow the system...we try hard before and after school to keep things running as smoothly as possible...but we know that it just takes one or two people to park in the wrong place, or break the rules before the whole thing snarls up. One thing that can have a huge impact on traffic flow is turning right out of the school circuit and continuing up past the clinic on the corner. If you can find an alternative route, that would be most helpful!

### And finally!

Just a reminder that school will be closed on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September for Jersey's newest Bank Holiday to commemorate the Corn Riots.

Kind regards,



Mr. J. Baudains  
Headteacher



Mr. D. Mills  
Head of School