

# Bel Royal Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back and Happy New Year. We hope that you have had a lovely Christmas break and managed to have some quality family time over the festive period.

As we start a new year and a new term, I wanted to let you know some key dates and give a few reminders. Year group letters will also be sent by your child's class teacher on Friday which will give you further information about the learning intentions for this term as well as any key dates that are pertinent to that year group. As always, new dates might be added as we progress through the year which we will update you on. You can also find them on our school website.

## Dates

28 <sup>th</sup> January – 5 <sup>th</sup> February	National Story Telling Week
7 <sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm - 6pm	Parent & Teacher Meetings
9 <sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm - 6pm	Parent & Teacher Meetings
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term Holiday
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
17 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET day - School closed to pupils
24 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Residential - Jersey Scouts Centre
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Liberation Day - Bank Holiday
29 <sup>th</sup> May - 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term Holiday
19 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 6 Residential - PGL Centre – Osmington Bay, Dorset
29 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Residential - Camp Bosdet (TBC)
5 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Residential - St Aubin's Fort
21st July	End of Term

### **Government Guidance**

As you will probably be aware, The Government of Jersey have advised parents not to send their children to school if they are feeling unwell or have a fever to avoid a rise in seasonal illnesses such as flu, scarlet fever and COVID – 19. Please inform your child's class teacher or our School Office if your child is absent for medical reasons.

### **Uniform**

As a school, we encourage all our pupils to maintain high standards not only in their work but in their appearance too. There is an expectation that all pupils wear school uniform and school PE kit on PE days. Please note that children should only wear tracksuits and trainers on PE days and not on uniform days and nail varnish and other make-up items are not permitted. For health and safety reasons and to avoid any unwanted 'visitors', any children with hair that is longer than shoulder-length should have it tied back accordingly with a blue hairband. Please can we also ask that children wear a plain headband rather a fancy dress type style (animal ears, deely boppers etc)

### **School Values**



It has been fantastic to see the children discussing and demonstrating our Bel Royal Core Values - *Include, Believe, Achieve* and there was much excitement at the end of term when the values beads were counted. The children receive a sticker each time they have collected a bead, which when accumulated goes towards achieving a bronze, silver and then gold badge which some of our children are already

wearing with pride.

### **Seesaw**

As mentioned in my last letter, Seesaw is providing us with an invaluable way of communicating day to day with parents and children. The app enables children to show their work and thought processes in real time such as submitting a video of themselves working on problems or investigations, taking a picture of a paragraph they wrote, recording themselves reading a speech, or uploading a file to demonstrate their learning. When parents have a window into the classroom, families can see what their child is learning, which sparks meaningful conversations and extends learning at home. The children really do gain a lot when they read or hear feedback from an adult or other children on work they have submitted.

If you haven't already linked up to your child or have had any problems doing so, please do let us know. If you have more than one child, you will need to be linked to each child separately to see their learning journal. It is important to note that the parent log-in is different to your child's and you will need to log-in as a parent to see any communications coming from school and to make comments. Your child's log-in is their own personal learning journal (a bit like an online exercise book).

As always, please do keep in touch and we look forward to another fulfilling term ahead.

Best wishes,

Claire Hammond

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Claire Hammond'.