



Belleville Wix Academy

Weekly Newsletter 15th May 2020

Hi everyone,

I hope that you are all safe and well. I have really enjoyed hearing how you all are from the teachers. They really love speaking to you each week. Thank you for bringing them so much joy. Keeping in touch is important for us all as it helps us feel good.



Home Learning

Thank you to everyone who sent in a picture sharing the best thing about home learning. I shared it with staff at staff meeting on Wednesday and I can tell you the smile on their faces stretched from ear to ear and was just wonderful to see. They miss you all so much, as I do. We enjoyed learning what you feel are the best things about home learning. If you haven't seen the video, please have a look here.

<https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/home-learning/>



Our dedicated staff team have continued to work exceptionally hard this week to ensure the home learning provision is the best we can provide for you. The instructions are so clear and the videos to model new skills or concepts are fantastic. You will have seen that extra explanations have been added for each day to provide additional support. The lessons for next week (Summer 2, Week 5) are now live on the website with the explanations added daily by 9am.

We know that you are all doing your very best to keep learning as well as looking after each other. Please do not worry if there are days when you are unable to do all the work you intended. Being in a happy, calm place is vitally important. You are doing a great job – be kind to yourself. This is a marathon not a sprint. I hope this link may be of interest.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/coronavirus-parents-working-from-home/>



Home Learning Superstars

The teachers have had a very difficult job choosing the Home learning Star again this week because the quality of the work you are producing is so high. It is very clear you are using the excellent learner traits effectively at home. Well done. I hope you enjoyed watching the video for your class. Watch out for the video coming to your inbox soon to announce last week's Home learning Superstar. The videos are also on our website. <https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/news-events/home-learning-superstar/>

Secret Task



Thank you to everyone who submitted their secret task to me. It is very much appreciated. More next week.



Act of Kindness

It is a scientific fact that **being kind to others makes us feel better**

I was delighted to hear of some of our year 1 pupils making such much deserved treats for our magnificent NHS. Well done!

Dance Challenge

I hope you all received your invite to take part in what should be a really great fun activity. We can't wait to hear all about the fun you have learning this dance together.



IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE

BWA opening for more year groups – update

As you know, we have been asked to consider how we can safely open to more pupils on 1st June. There is a stream of guidance being sent to schools daily. We continue to work relentlessly to establish how we can open safely for more pupils, should the 5 key tests be met. It is really important to remember that BWA has never been closed. This has been an extraordinary time for all school staff and I am immensely proud of how quickly they have adapted.

School will no doubt be a very different place for some time to come. The measures we have been asked to consider currently to reduce risk include:

- children being taught in groups of no more than 15
- no mixing of the groups (and the staff teaching/supporting them) throughout the whole day and subsequent days
- only one adult to accompany the children to school and to avoid using public transport
- staggered school start and end times to reduce contact and mixing
- limit movement in classrooms and resources

This potentially means that not all pupils will be taught by their class teacher, in their usual room or with all of their classmates.

The guidance written for parents and carers can be found here if you wish to find out more. I encourage you to read this. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

The government believe demand will be low, so it was interesting to know what you are considering. We know keeping your child and your family are your top priority and wouldn't compromise on this.

Please ensure calls between pupils and teachers this week are not impacted too much by your enquiries about what the plans are to open BWA to more pupils. Please be assured I will continue to communicate with you on any developments that are important to share.



We are so fortunate to have another wonderful weekend of glorious sunshine.
Enjoy this momentous time together.

Take care everyone.

Miss Henry

Headteacher