

Beecholme Newsletter 3rd April, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope all of you are safe and well in this very unprecedented time. School is very quiet and I don't hear as much laughter as I used to.

Even though the children are not on site they do not cease to amaze me. The majority of the children have taken their learning seriously on 'Seesaw' and have come up with many ways of making it creative, thoughtful and humorous in some cases. I can see that a lot of you are involved and hopefully having fun as well.

From next Monday, we should have been closing for the two-week spring holiday. Over the holiday period, teachers will provide homework via Seesaw that will give your children a few ideas for their Discovery theme for the summer term.

It is important that your children's teachers have an opportunity to have a break of their own, so they won't be responding to children's work as often or in as much detail as they have so far. Distance learning will start again in earnest from Monday, 20th April.

We know that this time presents different challenges for children, parents and families. But we also hope that, where possible, you and your children can use this time to benefit from being able to slow down and to spend more time together.

Thank you Parents and Carers for supporting us in this unusual time. Please stay happy and healthy.

Best wishes,

Mrs Phyllis Sternberg

Seesaw

I hope you will agree with us that Seesaw has been a fantastic way to support your children's learning at home. It has allowed Teachers to set daily tasks, mark and respond to their individual learning quickly and efficiently and create a supportive environment for your children to seek help if there is something they do not understand.

We would like to say a huge thank you to staff, children and parents for accepting this new way of learning with very little time to prepare!

Encourage your children to do as many of the daily tasks as possible but also respond to their emotional well-being, and for your sake and theirs, let them take breaks when they need it.



We hope you all have a Happy Easter!

Whether you celebrate this festival or not, here are a few fun activities you could do at home:



- Have an egg and spoon race in your hallway.
- Go on an (Easter) egg hunt around the house.
- Get creative in the kitchen; use chocolate to make cakes, muffins, melt it down over pancakes!
- Hard boil some eggs and decorate them. Or simply cut out egg shapes and design a fancy Easter egg.



Thank you to all the Parents, Carers and Staff who have been using easyfundraising. If you have not got the app yet, please join. Many people are buying through Internet shopping more, therefore this could be a great opportunity to increase our funds.