



## Beecholme Newsletter 3rd July, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you continue to be safe and well.

We are happy to say that the Nursery and Reception groups have returned to school. They are happy and very keen to learn. The children enter the classes enthusiastically and have taken on the procedures of washing and organising their bottles well. It is lovely to see their smiling faces when they see their teachers and for the staff who now hear laughter in their classrooms. We have also welcomed back one group of Year 5 who are focussed and engaged in their activities. They seem so mature. We look forward to seeing the other groups when they return

Well done to all the parents and carers who continue to support their children at home with Seesaw. Some of the work has been absolutely amazing. I can see that we have many talented and creative parents, who are finding practical and enjoyable ways to support their children. Look out for the fun activities on Seesaw over the coming weeks especially Sports Day.

We continue to follow and respond to the new Government guidance on the return to school in September. Therefore, the final day for all children in 'bubbles' will be **Thursday, 16th July**. This will enable the school to be deep cleaned and allow staff to plan and prepare classrooms in the school according to the current guidance as it stands for the new academic year. The 'Key Worker' bubble will close on **Friday, 17th July**.

During the final weeks of this term we will continue to update you with our plans, including your child's new teacher.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Phyllis Sternberg

### Wimbledon BookFest Winners

Congratulations to Miri Canonica in Willow class who has been highly commended in the Wimbledon BookFest writing competition 2020. This year the theme was '**The Secret**'. Her story will be published in an anthology later this year.

Here is the opening to Miri's story:

***My name is Connor and I'm 628. Let's see if you can guess my secret. I have a pet bat called Fang. He's a Transylvanian blood-eye. Come on, you still can't guess? I'M A VAMPIRE. My dad is Count Dracula. Obviously, we have to hide it from the neighbours and everyone. So, I live a pretty normal life. I go to school. I come home. I play on my V-Box. But I still don't feel exactly normal. I feel sad. But not human sad. A different kind of sad. You know how some mornings, you just wake up feeling a bit down? That's perfectly normal, even for a vampire. But that happens every day to me. It's like I've got this great big block of concrete on my shoulders. And it makes me sad.***

Also commended for their writing were Reuel in Year 5 and Kehaan in Year 4.

Well done to all of the children who took part in the competition this year.

Thanks to Mrs Martin for entering the children into the competition.



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#### Good news!

Children in England who are eligible for free school meals will receive a six-week food voucher to cover the summer holiday period after a high-profile campaign by footballer Marcus Rashford.

### Parking Restrictions in local area.

Please be aware that parking restrictions have been introduced in the surrounding roads. The parking restrictions will be between **8.30 a.m.** and **6.30 p.m. Monday to Friday**.