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Dear Parents and Carers,



I hope you are all keeping well and managing to cope in this whole new world we seem to find ourselves in. We could never have predicted at the beginning of this year that we would be in this position at the end of this academic year, with totally readjusted lives as a result of this pandemic. It has been and continues to be such a challenging time for us all, with so many uncertainties for the future. However, one thing is certain – the Beaver Road School community spirit of resilience, kindness, positivity and collaboration remains strong. We will come through this and as a school community, we will continue to do whatever we can to support each other.

Current School Update

I am delighted that we have been able to welcome so many children back to school over the last 2 weeks.

Thank you so much for all your cooperation and support in following all the new routines and procedures in place to allow the children's return to be as safe and as calm as possible. The children have loved being back as much as we have loved having them back! We only wish that we could accommodate more children, as we know many of you in the year groups not currently identified by the government would love your children to return as well. We now have 27 bubbles across the school and are at our full capacity for eligible children to return.



Beaver Road Primary School



As you will know, the government announced this week that they will not be going ahead with the whole primary school return during this summer term. I know some of you will be disappointed, but please be assured that you will continue to have access to updated online learning resources on our website and some feedback from teachers via Tapestry and Seesaw each week.

M20 Learning Trust





For all children/parents and carers who are not currently attending school, please expect another phone call from your child's teacher over the next week or two. This is a welfare call for the children and is also to ensure that you still have access to the regular contact we are able to offer.



Many of you have started to enquire about what the school situation will be in September and if all the children will return then. Unfortunately, we don't know about this yet, but we will inform you as soon as we do. We are still waiting for advice and guidance from the DFE, which is expected later this term. At this stage, I imagine it will depend on the new government guidelines, the R rate, the amount we are affected by any confirmed cases in school since the wider reopening, and what the government decide about bubble class sizes from September.

Regardless of what decisions are finally made by the government and the DFE, we have started planning for creative and remote transition and induction arrangements so we are prepared for a full school return. Later this month, we hope to share what these arrangements are and inform you of who your child's teacher will be next year. Please look out for details and information via Seesaw and Tapestry as well as via school spider communications.



Bubble registration procedure for parents and carers including keyworker families

As I have mentioned in my previous letters, at this time, school continues to support the decisions made by both parents and carers on whether children eligible to return to school do so or not. All children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 have a 'bubble' allocated to them should they return to school at any time. If your child is returning to school for the first time since the school closure, we do ask parents to make prior arrangements directly with your child's class teacher or main school office before bringing your child to school on any given morning.



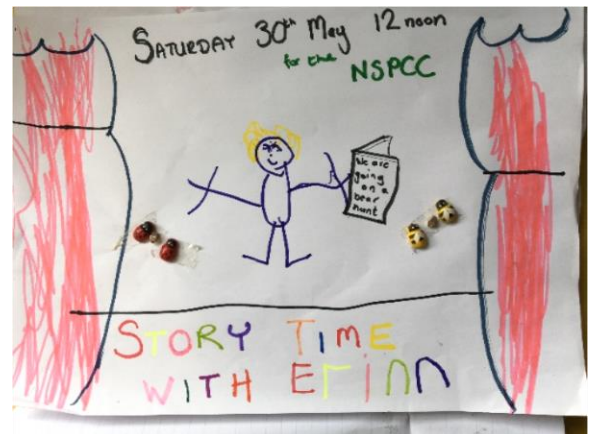
For single parent keyworker families or families with children in Years 2-5 where both adults are still considered to be keyworkers and who have not returned to school this term, please make contact with the main school office if you now require provision. Although we are currently full to capacity, your child's name will be added to a waiting

list. Please note that since the UK lockdown has eased, the demand for keyworker provision across our school has increased. We have responded to this by creating another new keyworker bubble and have now introduced a waiting list, which will be reviewed on a weekly basis. The families of the children on the waiting list will be contacted at the end of each week to let them know if we are able to offer provision starting on the Monday of the following week. If there are children who have been allocated a place within any keyworker bubble, yet consistently do not attend, we will be forced to allocate this place to another family in need of it.

Beaver Road Big Zoom Gig

Our Beaver Road children have been doing something very special to help support vulnerable children whilst at the same time, making fun and memorable connections with family and friends. Thanks to Mrs Silva's organisation, we have managed to raise a wonderful £628 for the NSPCC. The teachers have loved seeing the photos and videos you have shared and appreciate the generous donations from your friends and families. There is still time to contribute so please follow the link

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hilary-silva1> if you would like to support the NSPCC. Every pound you raise will help protect more children and prevent abuse.



Reading competition



To promote reading across the school, at a time when we are limited to where we can go, we asked children to share where they have visited in the books they have read. The teachers have enjoyed seeing some of the children's entries to the competition. We would like to congratulate Jacob from Nursery for his lovely underwater scene from 'The Rainbow Fish'. Emma from Reception drew a great picture of Peter Rabbit and the fox and wrote labels for the characters.

Martha from Year 5 created a huge list of places she'd visited in books. This is a scene from Jonah in Year 3's favourite book, The Subtle Knife by Philip Pullman.

The PTA have very kindly donated book prizes for the reading competition for each class. As only a few children entered the competition, we have decided to recognise those children who have continued to read regularly at home and shared videos of themselves reading with their teachers on Seesaw and Tapestry.



Black Lives Matter



As you know, Beaver Road is a Gold accredited Rights Respecting School, based upon the United Nations Convention for the Rights of the Child (CRC). By promoting the values of respect, dignity and non-discrimination, our children's self-esteem and wellbeing are supported and nurtured. Our children build a moral framework, based on equality and respect

for all that lasts a lifetime. The Rights Respecting School gives every child a powerful language to use to express themselves and to challenge the way they are treated and injustices for others. Children are empowered to access information that enables them to make informed decisions about their learning, health and wellbeing. Article 2 (non-discrimination) 'The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, sex, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background' is at the heart of our school's culture and ethos and promoted in the children's every day lives at school.

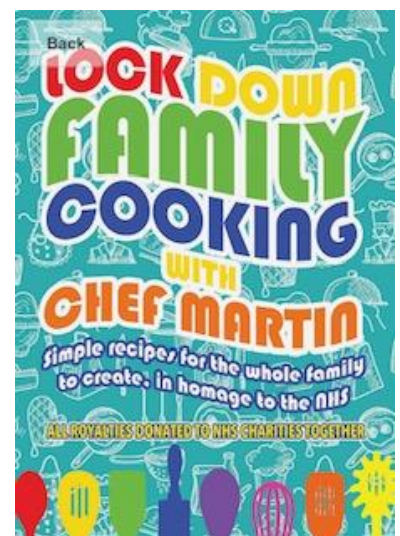
In response to the Black Lives Matter movement, our article of the fortnight is Article 42. If you can, please think about ways to talk to your children about the convention. In school, staff have used resources to teach the children about the Equality Act 2010 this week, challenging stereotypes and discrimination whilst celebrating diversity. Please see this guide for children and young people in England 'Making the most of the Equality Act 2010.'

<http://www.crae.org.uk/media/26308/CRAE-Equality-Act-2010-guide.pdf>

Chef Martin's lockdown family cookbook for NHS charities together

We are very proud of our Chef Martin who has written a cookbook, which has been published to raise money for the NHS. Please support Martin and the NHS if you can. The cost of the book is £6.99 and all royalties are donated to NHS Charities Together.

If any of you would like to purchase a signed copy, please email Martin via the school office (admin@brps.net) with the subject clearly named as Chef Martin's cookbook.





Once again, thank you for your continued partnership and support. Please continue to check your child's Seesaw and Tapestry accounts, as well as your child's year group pages on the website and messages through the school spider app for specific year group information.

If you have any further questions or queries about anything this half term, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

Take care and keep safe.
Best wishes,

Liz Hardy
Headteacher



ARTICLE 42 (*knowledge of rights*) *Governments must actively work to make sure children and adults know about the Convention.*

