

Friday 18th September 2020

Dear parents & carers,

We hope you are all well. The children have all settled back in confidently; they are clearly happy to back with the Bemerton family. It really is super to have a full building again. Thank you for supporting us with our new routines which are there to keep the children, the staff and all of our families as safe as possible.

Key Stage One Snacks

Our regular deliveries of fresh fruit and vegetables have now started again so Reception and Key Stage One children can have a healthy snack provided by the school every day. Please take advantage of this.

Learn Platform Passwords

The children have all been given a small slip of paper (which has probably already been stuck in their reading record books). This is an important piece of paper because it has the child's username and password for the Learn Platform on our website. Most of you are familiar with the platform as it what we used during lockdown for online teaching. All homework for the time being will be set on the platform with a deadline. The teachers will also respond online. If we are forced to close again in the unfortunate event of a lockdown, we will use the platform again for online learning.

To access the Learn Platform, go to our website, bemerton.com, scroll right to the bottom of the page and click Administer Site. Enter your child's login details and then click Learn.

After School Clubs

From next week there will be after school clubs in football and cricket/tag rugby run by sports coaches Jody Rivers and Ben Coombes. You should have received an email earlier this week with details of the clubs. There are spaces available in all clubs; please contact the school office if your child would like to sign up.

There are also spaces in the school-run afterschool club, which runs every day until 5.30.

New School Prayers

This week we also launched our new prayers for collective worship, lunch and home time. The children wrote some thoughtful and sensitive prayers. Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Pessell, one of our school governors, spent a good deal of time shortlisting and selecting winners.

The winning contributors have all been presented with a lovely pencil showing our school's Christian vision: 'Through love, serve one another' (Galatians 5:13). Hopefully, the winners will treasure these pencils as a memento. Here are the prayers that we are now using at the start and end of our collective worships:

We light this candle as a symbol of your presence in our community.

We pray that we can have peace and calm to reflect and be thankful. Amen

As we blow out the candle, we will finish our worship with a new understanding of respecting God. He is always with us wherever we are. Amen

I am sure you will agree that it is something very special to have prayers written by the children in such constant and meaningful use in school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Alun Richards
Headteacher