# Bloemfontein Primary School News



# September 2020

For all school enquiries, please contact the school office on:

#### 01207 232198

Our office staff and their availability are:

Administrator, Mrs Caulfield – All day

Admin & Dinners, Mrs Hamilton - Mornings

Admin Assistant Miss Snailham - Varies

If you need to contact a teacher they may not be available for a phone call during school. Please rest assured all messages will be passed on and we will endeavour to return all calls in a timely manner.

Alternatively, to contact a class teacher, please use class dojos. (For non-urgent messages only)

### Welcome back!

Thank you to all the children and staff for a fantastic start to the new school year. After six months of missing you - it is so lovely to have you all back! I am also so proud of how well you have all adapted to our new rules and am always honoured to be Head at Bloemfontein (the best school in the Universe!)

A very special welcome to all the new Reception children – you are all so grown up and smart in your new uniforms. I am impressed by how well they have all settled in and think we have a new class of little stars. I am looking forward to being part of your adventure!

At the moment we won't be able to have the usual events that we love to have in school. Please be reassured that we will make it our mission to make sure the children have lots of fun and enjoy their learning. As always, if you have any concerns please feel free to catch me.

Laura Liddell - Head teacher

#### Covid-19

Huge thank you to all parents for adhering to social distancing guidelines and using our one-way system whilst picking up/dropping off.

Please remember to cross the road with your child at the main crossing with Susan as it gets the children into good road safety habits plus it stops me from worrying!

Quick reminder to wash uniform, lunch bags and water bottles regularly. Please make sure children bring their own water bottle to school already filled, as they are not currently able to use the water fountain.

If your child begins displaying Covid-19 symptoms please; Keep your child home, inform school, call 119 to arrange a test. If told a test is not needed please keep your child home until symptoms are gone. If your child is tested, please keep your child off until results are received and please inform school of results. If at all unsure, please don't hesitate to contact the school for more information.

#### **Breakfast Club**

As we all head back to work, remember that we have Breakfast Club available to drop your children at school early. Breakfast Club starts at 8.00am in the hall where children will be sat in their class bubbles to keep to social distancing guidelines. Please enter the building through the main office.

We will also be providing breakfast snacks in classes from Monday for children who do not need to be dropped off early (i.e. for work)

# **New Pick-up and Drop-off Times**

<u>Reception:</u> 9.00 – 3.00

<u>Class 1:</u> 8.45 – 2.45

Class 2: 9.00 - 3.00

<u>Class 3:</u> 8.45 – 2.45

Class 4: 9.00 - 3.00

Class 5: 9.15 – 3.15

Class 6: 9.15 - 3.15

Please remember to stick to the one-way system and all siblings may leave at the same time to prevent waiting in the yard. Don't forget to social distance!

# **PE Dates**

On PE days, please send your child to school in their PE kit instead of their school uniform. Remember PE will be held outside so please make sure they wear warm clothes/shoes.

Class 2: Monday

Class 3: Tuesday

Class 4: Friday

Class 5: Wednesday

Class 6: Thursday

#### Goodbye and Hello!

We're very sad to say goodbye to Miss Howson, our Year 3 teacher. She had her last day on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, when she came in to help with transitioning her class into Year 4. Miss Howson has been a fantastic member of staff and we wish her well in her new adventures.

Hello and a big Font welcome to Miss Charlton who is our new Year 4 teacher! As a school we are incredibly lucky to have pinched her from Greenland Primary and know she will be a positive asset to Bloemfontein!

#### Uniform

We will no longer be ordering school uniform from school. Instead parents are now able to order uniform online themselves.

#### Simply go to:

#### www.totstoteams.com

Click on schools.

Search for Bloemfontein Primary School then select the

magnifying glass

Double click on school logo.

Click on **My Account** (top right-hand corner) and Register.

Select uniform.

All enquiries about orders should be directed at the Tots to Teams website.

### **Internet Safety**

We have a super new resource for teachers and parents alike!

#### www.nationalonlinesafety.com

It's crammed full of helpful information and guides for parents all about how to keep children safe online. Learn all about the dangers and benefits of social media apps, games consoles, online gaming, the list goes on!

We have an opportunity to win an award for our school for online safety, so we want as many parents as possible to sign up. Come on you helpful lot!

#### Word of the Month



# Perseverance (noun)

Persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

"his **perseverance with** the technique illustrates his single-mindedness"

#### **Homework & Reading**

Homework will be handed out every Friday and collected back into school on the following Tuesday.

Children will also receive a reading book and a library book to bring home every week. The reading books will be at their reading level, the library books will be of their choice and so may be a higher or lower level. Please remember to fetch them back in!

#### Dojo

Thank you to all parents who've already signed up for our class dojos. We've loved getting all your messages, photos and well wishes during lockdown.

In fact, it worked so well, we've decided to continue to use it now school is back! Dojos are super helpful for directly communicating with parents and teachers, sharing what we're doing in class, and it's a great reward system. For any parents not yet signed up, please contact your class teacher for instructions.

Please remember that all illness's, absences and urgent messages must reported to the office.

#### **Polite Notice**

Unfortunately, there have been some instances of vandalism within the village, including golf balls thrown at the village hall! Thankfully we have not experienced any acts of vandalism at school but we would like all parents to be aware of this antisocial behaviour.

#### **Facebook**

Remember to follow our school Facebook page for regular updates.