

NEWSLETTER

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Thank you!

A fantastic 97% of our pupils have returned to school which is just slightly below the same figure this time last year. Understandably, our figures are affected by families responsibly self-isolating whilst they seek the outcome of a Covid-19 test.

Thank you to all the families who have read our guidance and followed the new routines and schedules over the past week. Your co-operation is greatly valued and undoubtedly contributes to keeping everyone that little bit safer.

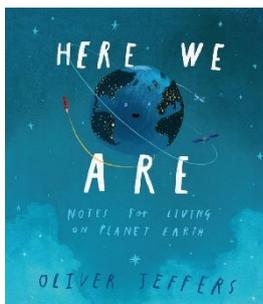
PE Days

Children may attend school already changed into their PE kit on the following days. Children may wish to bring an extra change of shoes to use at lunchtime when they are allowed to play on the field.



Year 3	Mondays + Thursdays
Year 4	Tuesdays + Wednesdays
Year 5	Tuesdays, Wednesdays + every other Friday (starting tomorrow)
Year 6	Mondays, Thursdays + every other Friday starting next week

Recovery Curriculum at BFJS



The teaching staff have reported how delighted they have been by the manner in which the children have started the new school year. This week we have begun our 2-week Recovery Curriculum unit based around the wonderful book "Here We Are" by Oliver Jeffers. This whole-school unit of work allows us, as a school, to consider the world around us and how we relate to it. The staff are engineering opportunities to allow reflection and discussion so that any anxieties caused by the lockdown can begin to be addressed.

In addition, we will be conducting a writing, maths and reading assessment in order to inform our next teaching steps.

Reading at BFJS



We are all very keen to get our children reading again between home and school. Over lockdown, we took the opportunity to invest in a new Covid-secure library system and this will be rolled out over the next few weeks. Reading books will be able to be loaned out from our library to read at home and in school from the week beginning 21st September. More details about this system will follow shortly.



Achievement Around the School

Congratulations to Isabella Coles, Rosie Chattey, KiKi Parsons and Mya Reynolds for their combined designs being selected for the front cover of our new Learning Passport for 2020-2021.

Y6 Sunflowers

Miss Stanley's class (6S) created these wonderful sunflowers last week inspired by the artist Van Gogh.



Assemblies go Virtual!

Assemblies are now being delivered virtually into every classroom via Microsoft Teams.



Last Friday, Mr McTaggart shared the idea of our school re-forming like the Japanese art of Kintsugi where broken pottery is repaired with golden lacquer to be even more beautiful than it was before.

On Tuesday, Mr McIntosh spoke about the challenges involved with a new school year (particularly in these difficult circumstances) and on Wednesday Mrs Cole inspired the school about new beginnings.

On Fridays there will still be a virtual celebration assembly where individual achievements will be shared.

National Fitness Day



On Wednesday 23rd September, we intend to take part in a National Fitness Day where we will get everyone skipping for 15 minutes throughout the day.

Photo Consent + School Film!

With the support of the CLP Trust, we are delighted to be producing a short promotional film about life at BFJS to be used on our website and at open days. This will be happening in the next few weeks and we will be using your child's photo permission form as the basis for potential involvement in this. Many parents in Y4-6 have not yet returned the consent form which was sent out back in July 2020. If you have not yet returned it, will you please inform us of your permissions as soon as possible?

