

## Headteacher's Blog October 2020

### **Parent Consultations**

We are so sorry that we are unable to meet you all in person for our usual consultations, so if you would like to have a video consultation, via Facebook Messenger, with your child's teacher, then you will be asked to respond on our Facebook page. Kathy will then collate the information so class teachers can contact you directly.

We are aiming to do these before half-term, if possible, and they will be allocated for 10 minutes per child.

The staff and children are planning to make you some videos to show you what their classrooms currently look like. These will then go on Tapestry or School360, depending on which class they are in.

### **Travel**

As half-term nears, just a reminder that if any household members travel to a country not part of a travel corridor, then on their return either the whole family will have to self-isolate for 14 days, or the returning traveller must quarantine entirely away from other family members for 14 days.

*Just a reminder that we have a Teacher Training Day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.*

### **Curriculum**

There has been lots of brilliant work happening in school this half-term, some of my highlights have been the amazing maths and map work skills in Splash; great links between food technology, computing and English work on instructions in Space Base; superb PSHE work, including anti-bullying and growth mindset, in both Key Stage 2 classes- as a few examples.

Your children have made an amazing start to the school year. We are working to identify and address any gaps in learning across school and supporting pupils with any adjustments to the curriculum, or specific support, including with their wellbeing.

### **Staffing**

It has been a pleasure to have supported Louise Foster on her journey to becoming a Teacher, but we will say a sad farewell to her next Friday as her journey takes her on to a full-time teaching position at Belford Primary. We will all miss her and thank her for her amazing commitment to our school for many years; from a parent to a staff member. Good luck Miss Foster!

I am delighted that we all continue to be safe and well and long may that last!

Kindest regards,

Diane Lakey