

6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

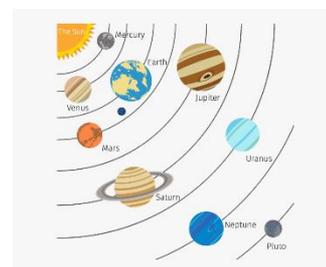
It's been another busy, successful week at Bayside with the school alive with activity. Pupils had a visit from the extra-terrestrial Beegu whilst others travelled in the opposite direction into the Solar System. Some children tried their hands at orienteering on the school site and we had food testers and active scientists elsewhere.

The children have continued to be incredibly adaptable to the control measures that we have in place to keep everyone safe. Most recently, these alterations have included staff wearing face coverings in shared spaces. This measure has been put in place to minimise the risk of infection across bubbles. There is still no need for children to wear face coverings to school. Please do continue to support us through maintaining space from each other both inside and outside of the school site and by ensuring that children are picked up by one adult to minimise numbers.

I hope that everyone finds ways to keep their families active and entertained during the latest lockdown period – I know that many board games will be utilised in our household this weekend!

With best wishes to all as always,

Mr Vernon, Principal



### Families Evening

The booking system is still live for next week's Families Evening, to be held on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November. Please be aware that these are telephone appointments and there is no need to come to the school site. Teachers will call you at the appointed time to discuss your child's progress with you. Please be aware that these calls may show as an unknown number due to the telephones being used to call from. Should you not have an appointment, please do contact the office to arrange one.

### Anti-Bullying Week



The week of the 16<sup>th</sup> November is anti-bullying week. During this week the children will have a range of events to promote the anti-bullying message, including assemblies, specific lessons and 'Friendship Friday'. Our use of 'S.T.O.P.' ('Several Times On Purpose') and 'S.O.S.' ('Speak Out Straight Away') will be reinforced during this week.

Please find further information from this interactive online resource for parents and carers:

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/course/147/information-tool-parents-and-carers>

## Uniform

In line with our uniform policy, please be aware that pupils should not wear extreme hair fashions, including dyed or streaked hair and images or lines cut into the hair. Longer hair needs to be tied back with navy blue or black headbands which must be small and discreet and pupils with pierced ears should wear plain stud earrings. This is in order to maintain a focus on learning in all areas of school.

<http://www.bayside-academy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Uniform-Policy-2020.pdf>

## Magic Breakfast

The children have been able to take home from class boxes of porridge / bagels to have for their breakfast over the next few days. Next week they will be able to take cereal home, before this pattern repeats over the following two weeks. This provision has been provided through our partnership with Magic Breakfast, who we are extremely grateful to. Should any family be in need of further support with food, please do let us know and we can signpost you to local organisations that can help.

## Extra Clothing

Please do be aware that even as the weather becomes colder, we do need to maintain ventilation in classrooms through having some windows open. Although we will not allow the classroom to become too cold as this will affect the children's ability to focus on their learning, please do provide an additional layer of clothing for your child in the coming weeks. For example, this can be an additional t-shirt or doubling up on the school jumper should you have spare jumpers.

## Christmas

We are limited this year in the events that we can put on to celebrate Christmas. Nevertheless, we will be having a Christmas jumper day. The date of this will be confirmed, but in addition to wearing Christmas jumpers to school (donations to be shared between the PTA and a charity to be selected by the School Council), the children will have the option of a Christmas lunch (ordered through Chartwell's when the date is confirmed) and we will arrange for some festive activities. We will also be providing an online Christmas surprise before the end of the term...

## Parking

We understand drop off and pick up times can be busy, but when parking on the roads around the school site please be respectful not to block other cars in or park over private driveways. If you are struggling to park and may be late you can inform us by calling the school office.

## Attendance

During this week commencing the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, the class with the best attendance was RRL.

Weekly Class Attendance	
RAD	95.58%
RRL	100%
1SW	97.21%
2LW	98.22%
2MA	99.06%
3HC	94.82%
3NT	96.10%
4KH	90.82%
5JW	91.58%
5TE	98.86%
6BC	97.27%
6RM	98.96%

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