

As we come to the end of another successful week, it has been pleasing to see that the children have continued to settle and flourish. Having been around school and popped into some classes (at a distance) the children appear to be engaged in their learning and have reconnected with their friends, which is lovely to see.

Next week, our Forest School sessions begin for our younger children – something we know they very much enjoy and benefit from.

We are also hoping to complete the extended pathway down in EYFS before the weather worsens! Thank you to the parents/carers for their continued support with this matter.



## Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

### Head of School Postcards:

Y1: Damian, Samuel, Isabella, Sienna, Scarlett, Arabella  
Y5: Tommy, Elizabeth

**Football man of the match:** Tommy (Y3)

**Football commendation:** Daisy-Rae (Y3)

**Mayor of Bexley Commendation Award:** Ruby (Y4)

**Summer Reading Challenge:** Skye (Y1)

**Brownie Badge:** Elizabeth (Y5)



## Diary Dates:

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest assembly (pupils only)

*This year we would ask you to donate your food items directly to the foodbank. More information about Harvest will be shared next week.*

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – last day of the half term

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – INSET day – school closed to all pupils.

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## Pupil Voice:

This week our pupil voice comes from our younger children in Reception:

*“School is actually really good” Elise*  
*“I like to play with things and I like to tidy them up” Aaron*



## Help & Advice:

### Mental Health Support:

As we continue to navigate the ever-changing national picture regarding the pandemic we are, mindful that looking after our mental health and wellbeing is more important than ever.

Young Minds have an extremely useful website with resources and guides that you may find helpful: <https://youngminds.org.uk/>

### Home Learning:

All home learning tasks including homework should now be accessed via Google Classroom. To access Google Classroom you will need to insert the following into your web browser:

[www.classroom.google.com](http://www.classroom.google.com)

Visit our website to view the parent guide to using Google Classroom:

## PHE/DfE parent guidance and updates:

<https://www.gov.uk/education/health-safety-and-wellbeing-in-schools>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

## Notices:

### Parent Mail:

If you do not already have the Parent Mail app on your phone, we would encourage you to download it. The app will alert you to any new notifications as they are received and help you to keep up-to-date with school news.

### School Photographs

Tempest Photography will visit school early November to take individual photographs of each pupil. Unfortunately, they will not be able to take photographs of sibling groups this year due to the need to keep year group bubbles separate.

### Flu Nasal Vaccinations:

The school nursing team will visit school late November to administer the flu vaccination to pupils from Reception to Year 6 (where consent has been given).

### Uniform:

Now that the weather is becoming colder, please ensure that your child wears a tracksuit over their PE kit. Dark colour tracksuits (black, grey, navy) are permitted. No motifs or logos please.

## Attendance and Punctuality:

From September 2020, school attendance again becomes mandatory for all pupils.

This year we continue to have high attendance aspirations for all pupils and have set our target at 96.5%.

Last week our attendance was 97.2%, which is above the government's minimum expectation of 95% and above our target of 96.5%. Well done to the children in Morris Class who had 100% attendance.

This week our attendance was 98.2% which is higher than last week and much higher than our target and the government's expectation. Well done Belmont!

The highest attendance was in Matisse, Briggs and Hokusai classes who all had 100% attendance.

All classes had attendance above 95%.

Parents are reminded, term time holidays are not authorised and will result in a fine.

