

Newsletter

April 2020

Hello to our Beacon View family,

Welcome to your April edition of the school's newsletter. There was no March edition as our focus was on getting home learning packs delivered to all of our families and then preparing the learning online ready for the children. As you can probably imagine, this has taken a very, very long time!

The Beacon View website now contains all of the learning your children should need to continue learning at home. On the website, go to the top right-hand corner where you will see a red and white tab called Learning from Home – click here to access the online learning for the children.



The screenshot shows the Beacon View Primary Academy website. At the top, there is a red navigation bar with 'COVID-19 Update' on the left and 'LEARNING FROM HOME' on the right. Below this is the school's logo and name, 'Beacon View Primary Academy The best in everyone™ Part of United Learning'. To the right of the logo, there is contact information: '023 9237 5302 school@beaconviewprimary.co.uk'. Below the navigation bar is a blue header with menu items: 'Home', 'About Us', 'Our Curriculum', 'Pupils' Pages', 'Parents' Pages', 'News', 'Calendar', and 'Local Offer'. The main content area has a blue background with the text 'Welcome to Beacon View Primary Academy' and a quote from a student: 'Although we find it tricky to learn times tables facts, we enjoy the challenge, are getting better all the time and always show resilience by never giving up. The challenges increase our brain power and we are able to apply our knowledge that we are learning to our maths lessons. Lots of us in our class have moved'.

This will take you to a page with a message at the top and then the different year group sections at the bottom.

Here are some important things for you to know:

- At the moment, although the learning is online, the children need to record any answers on paper. The reason for this is a computing one. Moving forward, there may be more examples where the children can actually complete the work online (rather than on paper) and then submit it for their teachers to see.
- We know that some families do not have access to online learning so we are going to be producing learning packs for these few families to collect every Tuesday from next week. Families will be able to come to school (on their daily exercise) and collect the packs from outside the main building so that they do not have to come into contact with anyone. We will send a message out on Tuesday when these are ready to come and collect. We will only be printing a small amount for each year group so, if you definitely need one of these, please make sure your child's class teacher is aware so that we have enough.

And finally, at the moment we have no idea when we will all be returning to school. We hope it is soon but, as you know, we have to wait until we are sure it is safe and the guidance from the government says we can return. As soon as we hear any more information about when or how this might be, we will let you know.

Please do not worry about this though as we are already making plans for how we can help the children to settle back in and catch up on their learning. As always, our top priority will be the safety and wellbeing of the children we care for. We hope you are all well and staying at home to stay safe.

Very best wishes,

Mr Hartley, Mrs Mitchell and everyone at Beacon View

The School's Building Works

The work on the school site is continuing, although at a much slower rate than previously hoped because of the need to protect the contractors and ensure social distancing. Getting deliveries to the site is also proving a problem! However, you can see from these photos below that the old building is slowly disappearing. We hope that the whole site will be completed and the new school entrance in place by mid-August, ready for the new school year - but obviously that will depend on how long the lockdown continues for.



In school, the new site manager (Mr Hayes) has been working hard to keep on top of the school's gardening and to finish off putting up the decorations in the new building, such as these African mosaics. Please look out for these when you return to school.



Work in school

The staff at school are now on a rota system and take it in turns to work at home (*producing the online learning materials, answering emails, taking part in training, writing reports and planning for when the children might return*) and work at school (*looking after the few key worker children we have in, supporting families in need through providing food hampers and vouchers and completing the other jobs such as orders and legal paperwork to keep the school running*).

The children in school, complete the online learning independently, the same as all other children, and then take part in activities such as creating rainbows like the one in the picture below to thank the NHS. Of course they do all of this whilst still trying to stick to social distancing rules!



Reports

One of the things that teachers will be working on over the next few weeks will be writing your child's annual report.

Once completed, if we are not back at school, these will be posted out to all parents so that you have a paper copy.

Listening to you

As you know, our school has an Instagram and Twitter account, but after speaking to many of you, we realised that a lot of parents would like a Facebook page as well so we have listened and our new Facebook page went live yesterday!



Please make sure you find the right Beacon View Primary page by searching for '*the new beacon view*' or going to <https://www.facebook.com/thenewbeaconview/>

If you have any other suggestions of what we could do to improve things for you whilst we are on lockdown or you are struggling and need help, please contact the school on school@beaconviewprimary.co.uk