

# **Newsletter**



# **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 13th September: Cuppa and Catch up for all parents @ 9am Friday 23rd September: Harvest Service @ Belleek Church of Ireland 8pm





#### Welcome, Welcome

Our school building is now buzzing again with our fabulous pupils and staff! There's lots of learning going on already and plenty of fun. We would like to welcome our newest pupils to school as they begin their Primary School journey. They have settled in so well already and we are very proud of them all. We would also like to welcome a new pupil to our school, Mya. Mya has joined our Primary seven class and we are so delighted that her family has chosen Belleek Primary School. We wish Mya and her family all the very best as they settle into their new home.

It's amazing to see how much the rest of our pupils have grown over the summer and how well they have adapted to their new year group. Well done boys and girls!

# Cuppa and Catch up

Now that we are able to invite parents back into our school building, we would love to have you all in

for a little cup of tea or coffee on Tuesday 13th September @ 9am. Parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and childminders are most welcome to join us in our school hall after the morning school run. It would be a lovely chance to catch up now that our children have settled back into school life.



#### Engage Programme

We are delighted to have received more funding until December 2022 to continue with the Engage Programme. I am even happier to let you all know that I (Mrs Young) will be teaching pupils involved in this programme. It will be lovely for me to be teaching again and having valuable time with our children that need a little extra support. This means that from October I will be in school three days a week rather than two. As a response to Covid19, all schools were awarded extra funding to employ a teacher to teach small groups of children needing a little boost in certain areas of the curriculum and well being. This does not mean that children attending sessions with Mrs Young have a special Educational need, it solely means that they have been given that extra one-to-one to support to reinforce learning in core subjects. The sessions will last approximately 30 minutes and will occur once a week in a small group or one to one setting.

We will be having a look at the most recent end of year test results to identify children needing to avail of this. Some pupils may benefit from this programme due to Social and Emotional needs. We will inform the parents whose children are involved prior to the Engage programme starting.

#### See-Saw

Login details have now been sent out for our see-saw app. We encourage all pupils to login and please let their class teacher know if they are experiencing any difficulties. See-saw is our main method of communication between class teachers, parents and pupils. Therefore I would encourage all parents to download the app.

### Job Share Thursdays

We are very pleased to be welcoming Mrs Pattison back this year. Mrs Pattison will now be teaching the P1,2 & 3 class every Thursday. Miss McMorris is our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO). Due to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act (Northern Ireland) 2016, there are necessary changes happening to SEN provision across schools in Northern Ireland. This means that Miss McMorris will have a lot of administrative duties as well as training to attend throughout this academic year. Therefore, Mrs Pattison will be providing Miss McMorris with this valuable release time. We wish Miss McMorris all the very best with her continued hard work in this area.

#### A new member to team BPS

Also, we welcome Mrs Boyce to our team of staff. She is our new Lunchtime supervisor and classroom assistant. We are very happy to have you here and wish you every success in your new post.

