

# **BEAUFONT FIRST SCHOOL**

## **FRIDAY 30TH APRIL 2021**

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **Reading Stars**

Just a reminder that we are still rewarding reading at home through our Reading Stars charts in school! This half term we are relaunching the Reading Stars fully so please make sure that you read at least four times a week (at least twice for Nursery children) and record your reading efforts in your Reading Records so that we can keep track and reward our readers at the end of the half term. You can find more information about this on our website.

#### **Ready for the Weather!**

Please could all parents ensure that children come to school with the appropriate clothing to suit the changeable weather. Children may still need coats, especially raincoats, as well as sun hats! If sending sunscreen please ensure that it is labelled with your child's name and if sunscreen can be applied in the morning before school on hot days then that would be really helpful, especially in EYFS!

#### **Labelling clothing**

Now that we are getting warmer days the children are often taking off their jumpers. Please ensure that all jumpers and cardigans are labelled clearly with your child's name as sorting through 30 jumpers in each classroom (or any number on the yard) is not an easy task! EYFS parents might like to consider naming jumpers in two places so that children can recognise their own easily or in case a label falls off. Thank you in advance.

#### **We Need You!**

We really need to make a proper path from the bottom of the EYFS and Class 1 balcony area to the yurt before the inevitable mud of next winter! We are keen to use bark or wood chippings and also pave over an area for the sandpit to sit on at the same time. It is not a massive job but the 18m path needs digging out first and some parental muscle power to get this job done would be much appreciated! If you can help with this or have any useful contacts for the project please get in touch with EYFS.

#### **Admissions to Reception (and Nursery)**

Many of you will already be aware that for the second year running there are a number of very disappointed families following the County Council's allocation of Reception places. Whilst we have no control over admissions into Reception ourselves, we are nonetheless here to support families as needed in any way possible at this time. We would also like to remind parents that as it stands, siblings and attending our Nursery currently do not take precedence over Catchment and Greater Catchment but as a school, inclusive of our Governing Body, we are actively talking with the Admissions Team and with senior members of the Council to raise our concerns about the process. It has also been brought to our attention that there are small consultations taking place in the autumn regarding the admissions criteria. There will be a link on the Northumberland County Council website around October and though it is not widely advertised parents are invited to have their say. We will let you know when the link is live in the autumn term.

We are however, responsible for allocating places into our Nursery and so if you have a child who will be ready to attend Nursery in 2022, 2023 or later, please complete a registration form (available on our website) and return to Fran or Mrs Boucetla as we do have a significant number of children on our waiting list already.



Disney+ has been one of the most popular streaming platforms over the last year. It has included films, TV series and documentaries that cover favourites, old and new. Up until a few weeks ago, the content was primarily aimed at children and young people, with most of the content being covered under the familiar Disney brand.

Now though, Disney+ has broadened their content to include more adult themed media under the banner of Disney+ Star. This new feature includes more films, TV series and documentaries aimed at more mature audiences. To work alongside these new titles the platform has enabled some privacy features which parents and carers can use to restrict certain content for younger members of the family.

### Restricting Mature Content

Users can set their profiles to allow or restrict mature content on the Disney+ home screen on each profile. If they don't want children or young people in the family to have access, then they have the option to restrict it.

This can be changed at any time. You just need to log into your account on your desktop, mobile or tablet device and choose to edit your account. In the account settings you'll find the title of 'content rating'.

Selecting this will present a range of ages that you can restrict the content on your account to e.g. if you want access to everything, just set it to +18. Alternatively, if you want to filter content for the family, just set it to the age rating you think is appropriate.

Please visit the Childnet website to find out more:

[Disney+ Parental Controls and Privacy Settings - Childnet](#)

## DIARY DATES

*Please note that new dates are shown in italics*

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

**Bank Holiday**  
**Polling Station - School closed for the day**  
**School closes for Summer half term**  
**School reopens**  
**School closes for Summer break**