



### Important Dates:



Wednesday 16th  
December—Christmas  
Lunch

Friday 18th December:  
Last day of term 2.

#### Collection times:

Year 6 - 12.00pm

Year 4 - 12.10pm

Year 5 - 12.20pm

Year 3 - 12.30pm

Monday 4th January—  
First day of term 2

# Balfour Junior Academy Newsletter

Friday 4th December 2020

We have been so impressed with how hard the children have been working from home this week. Well done to our fantastic pupils, who have shown great determination and resilience and thank you to the parents and carers who have supported them with their remote learning.

A big thank you to the whole Balfour staff team, who have pulled together to support the school community and each other in the face of adversity. Also, thank you to the parents and carers who have sent messages of support and positive feedback, it means so much to us to hear from you!



### Microsoft Teams



Our home learning is provide through Teams. On the front page of the website is a link to login and details of how to do so, as well as a video guide. If you need any support at all please contact your child's teacher or the school office and we will be happy to help.

### Wellbeing

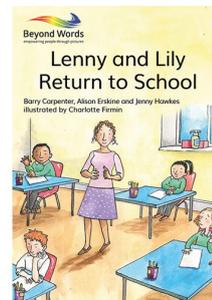
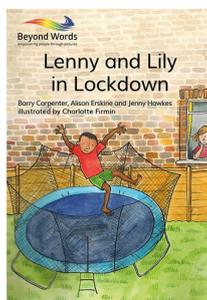
Mind is a charity who provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. You can contact the Mental Health Matters helpline on **0800 107 0160** for a confidential service which offers emotional support to anyone calling. We all need a little help from time to time and maybe now more than ever so please reach out if you need to.



### Free reading resources

Beyond Words is a charity that that provides books and training to support people who find pictures easier to understand than words . They have recently published two e-books that you may find useful when talking to your child about lockdown and returning to school after being away for a while. The books have pictures instead of words, and come with a guide as to how best use them

Please visit [www.booksbeyondwords.co.uk](http://www.booksbeyondwords.co.uk) to find out more and access the books.



## Achievement Award



Well done to the following pupils for receiving this week's Achievement Award!



3L— Jacob	3M— Annael	3P— Oscar	3Y— The whole class
4H - Arthur	4O'K— Ara	4T— Amelia	4W— Alisha
5C— Chloe	5H— Isaac	5Re— Jack B	5Ro— Isaac
6K— George	6L— Sophie	6Ma— Aletea	6Mo— Emre