

Newsletter

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Week 2 of Shut-Down!

Hi Everyone – I hope that you are all staying fit and well and beginning to establish some sort of routine in these unusual times!

Here at school, we have enjoyed seeing a few of the children of key workers each day – it has brought some normality, although, of course, 5 - 14 children in school is very different to the 400+ we normally have. The children have been amazing under these challenging circumstances. It has also been fabulous to hear from all of the children at home. Once again, the teachers have been so impressed by the work they have been doing and really enjoyed finding out about their home adventures! Please continue to keep in touch!

We are acutely aware of the challenges that you face as parents. For many, you are trying to keep on top of the activities being sent home (sometimes with children of different ages), ensuring that your children don't get bored or frustrated and also managing to get your own work done. We know that you are doing the best that you can and we are in awe of this. Please do not allow all the things that we are sending to do become a massive stress factor – there is enough of that anyway. Focus, where possible, on the Literacy and Numeracy activities and then choose from the range of other activities as to what works for you as a family. We will keep providing what we can so that you have a choice and a variety. The main priority here is to keep everyone well – physically and mentally – and to keep some sort of routine that will help when your child comes back to school. Please keep in touch – share any difficulties you have and we will do our best to help!

From a personal point of view, I have two of my adult children back living at home. This is so lovely in that we have been doing joint workouts, having philosophical debates, playing family games and quizzes and enjoying watching films together. Of course, this is mixed with the arguments about whose turn it is to empty the dishwasher, Hoover, cook and iron! I would love to say that we live harmoniously all of the time in a loving bubble but sadly that would be untrue! Family life is precious, joyful and comforting – it can also be extremely frustrating, stressful and emotionally draining. Find some peaceful moments when you can – some of mine are when I come to work so please don't feel sorry for me working through the holidays. It is actually keeping me sane!

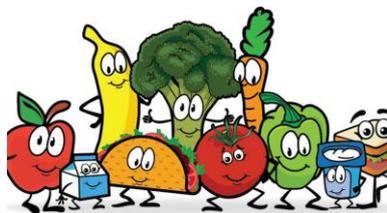
Over the next two weeks we will not be sending daily work. It is, technically, the Easter holidays and we hope that you will find the time to relax a little and recharge. Whilst teachers may not get back to you quite as often or as quickly (they are having a holiday too) – we still would like to hear what you have been doing.

As well as a few other members of staff, Mrs. Bennett and myself will be in school over the holiday if you need to contact us.

Mrs Woakes

Stay Safe – Stay Home – Stay in Touch





Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed, you may find that you are now entitled to free school meals for your child. After a few teething problems, we have now set up a voucher system whereby FSM pupils receive a chosen supermarket to the value of £15 per child per week. If you believe that your child should be receiving this but have not heard from us please email on office@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk, please note that the Government Free School Meal Voucher scheme is not available over the Easter holiday period.

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<https://www.bewdleyprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2273&type=pdf>

Further Covid 19 Guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

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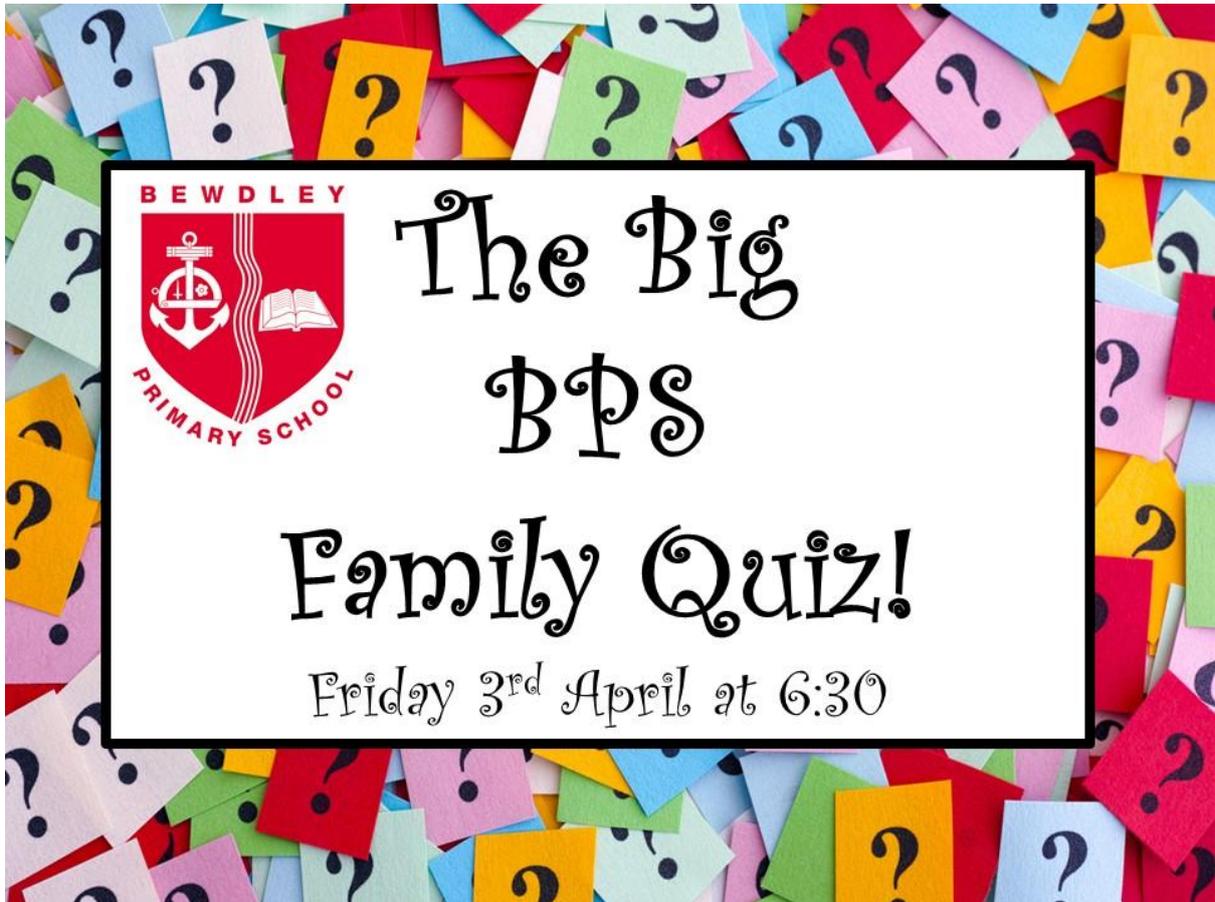
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DfE coronavirus helpline

Telephone 0800 046 8687

If you have a query about coronavirus (COVID-19), relating to schools and other educational establishments in England contact our helpline.

Lines are open Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm and weekends 10am to 4pm.



If you and your family would like a little light entertainment, then head over to our YouTube channel tonight to take part in our fun family quiz.

The live streaming will begin at 6:15 and the quiz itself will then start shortly after 6:30.

There are 12 rounds with 5 questions in each and we'll have a short break half way through. The quiz is designed for people of all ages so that everybody can join in so it won't be a late finish either.

The quiz is purely for fun. Yes, people may Google the answers and yes, people may cheat when they're marking, but as there aren't any prizes up for grabs and it's just for a little end of term fun, we hope people will enter into the spirit of the game!

You don't need a YouTube account to access and watch the quiz but you will need to log in if you wish to leave any comments for our question master.

We hope to see you and your family there!



Wyre Forest and Hagley Project

Our school WHP Link Worker Sarah Tustain (currently covering Lucy Plowright) is at the end of the phone on this number 07824 512983. They offer help and support through this challenging time and can help with things like putting new routines into place, tips and strategies for managing children's behaviour, ways to help siblings be more co-operative and how parents can work together more effectively. Give our WHP Link Worker a call.



TTRS News

There have been no tournaments this week but LOTS of you have been playing, great work everyone!

Some fun TTRS facts this week:

In KS1, Bond class played the most but Milne are the quickest and most accurate.

In LKS2, Wilson played the most, Blyton were the most accurate and Morgurgo were speediest!

In UKS2, Rowling have played the most and are the quickest but Walliams are the most accurate.

AND in breaking news, BPS have moved up to 11th place when compared to nearby schools!

Keep practising your times table and division facts on TTRS over Easter so you are ready for some class tournaments next term. And wouldn't it be fantastic if we could get the BPS record label into the top 10!

Parents/carers, if you would like your own TTRS login to practise and challenge your child/ren, email Mrs Woodward. (swoodward@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk)



Well Done Awards

Again, the teachers have had a really difficult job this week in choosing Well Done Awards. They have been so impressed by everyone who has sent them their work and photos of all the activities the children have been undertaking.

A special mention to absolutely everyone who has contacted us – incredible effort – keep it up!
This week's Awards go to:

<p><u>Inkpen</u> Faith for her enthusiasm for learning whilst at home. Faith has worked well in all areas. Sharing examples of handwriting, addition and growing her own vegetables! What an exciting week. Ben for embracing home learning in every single way. PE first thing, story writing and addition to 10. We are particularly pleased with his much improved handwriting that he has worked exceptionally hard on.</p>	<p><u>Wilson</u> Christopher for a fantastic improvement in his handwriting and for producing an incredible letter for his relatives in Spain. Reuben for persevering through our subtraction topic, despite it being difficult and successfully completing the workbook tasks.</p>
<p><u>Dodd</u> Flynn L for learning to ride his bike without stabilisers. Samuel M for excellent perseverance with letter formation.</p>	<p><u>Morpurgo</u> Ellie-Mai for continuing to work really hard at home and taking her reading outside! Grace for looking for new ways to make learning fun and reading whilst exercising!</p>
<p><u>Donaldson</u> Jonah P for working hard all week and having such great enthusiasm for learning! Cayden C for his AMAZING Easter cake and embracing all the Easter activities this week....and more!!!</p>	<p><u>Blyton</u> Daniel P for working exceptionally hard particularly on his Role on the Wall of Tom Gates. Seb R for working really hard on his reading and writing whilst at home.</p>
<p><u>Butterworth</u> Ted F for creating a great Easter game with some brilliant instructions to go with it. Harry T for his fantastic writing that includes great adjectives, capital letters and full stops.</p>	<p><u>Rowling</u> Cassidy for displaying great humour and engagement with his virtual museum tours! Nathan for showing good resilience and proving to us that he can produce some great work to be proud of. March</p>

<p><u>Milne</u> Salvador M for being super eager to do the home learning tasks set and completing the work to a brilliant standard. Keep up the amazing work Sal! Henry D for showing great determination and perseverance to complete the home learning tasks set plus extra activities on top! Keep up the brilliant work Henry!</p>	<p><u>Lewis</u> Dan for his excellent literacy work and clear understanding of our class book. Matthew for taking a virtual tour of the British Museum and producing some lovely work on his favourite exhibit.</p>
<p><u>Bond</u> Jakob L for some really excellent work over the past week. Its great to see how much your doing and your smile whilst doing it. Poppy G-H for some really excellent work over the past week. You have done so well, especially in your column addition.</p>	<p><u>Blackman</u> Evie J for fabulous determination with her maths all week. Brook E for sharing his fabulous work with us, which demonstrates great focus and hard work.</p>
<p><u>Dahl</u> Benji for his fabulous art work inspired by his trip to Venice. He picked up the style suggested beautifully – fantastic job! Ben S for all the effort and imagination he has been putting into his home learning project on ‘The Seven Continents of the World’ – it is truly amazing!</p>	<p><u>Walliams</u> Sam W for his fantastic explanation which described new online games and technology. Evi-Lou for her persuasive argument, debating whether children should be allowed to have phones in the classroom.</p>

