

Newsletter

22nd January 2021

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I hope that you are all well.

You may have heard in the news this week that Gavin Williamson (the Education Secretary) has said that, although the government cannot currently give a date when schools will reopen, they will give parents and schools 2 weeks' notice before they do to give time to make any necessary arrangements. As soon as we have any information with regard to this, we will let you know but currently we know no more than you.

Next week, staff are being given the opportunity to participate in twice weekly rapid Covid testing. The purpose of this is to identify positive cases in people who may be asymptomatic so that further measures can be put in place to avoid spreading the virus. This testing is not going to be used to replace the normal PCR testing and should not be used to test staff who have been in contact with positive cases or who have symptoms but it can give some indication of potentially positive cases. We will continue to apply the measures that we already have in place – social distancing, containing bubbles, increased hygiene and handwashing etc. as well as making sure that no one comes into school with symptoms and we appreciate your continued support with this.

Next week we will be sending out a questionnaire to gather the thoughts of parents/carers and children about home learning and in-school learning at the current time. We will use these responses to consider whether we need to make any further adjustments. Thank you for your help with this.

Take care!



What we can all expect whilst home learning

What to expect from us	What we would like parents/carers to do	What we expect from the children
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home learning to be sent on the evening before the day of learning. (This will be approx. 3 hours of work for KS1 and 4 hours of work for KS2) • Feedback from staff (acknowledgement of work sent in daily and constructive feedback as and when needed but at least once per week – this may be verbal) • Contact to be made if a child appears to be missing from learning • Support with IT equipment if your child cannot access the learning • Support with the work if a child/adult expresses a need (this may be Tapestry/email/phone call or Zoom meeting) • Additional support for pupils on SEND register or having an identified need. • Appropriate resources to support the learning • Clear guidance about the learning • Contact parents/children as much as possible (Tapestry/email/telephone/Zoom) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an appropriate environment that their child can study in and remain positive about home learning (even in the tricky times!) • Provide appropriate equipment for each lesson (or contact the school for support with this) • Spend a short amount of time (10 – 15 minutes) explaining the learning, if necessary • Ensure children are accessing IT safely • Encourage their child to do the best they can and give them lots of praise • Contact the school as soon as possible if their child has difficulty with the learning or ask for further guidance • Ensure children send their work to the class teacher • Try to create a routine where possible • Ensure their child is wearing appropriate clothing on Zoom call 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to bed when they are asked to • Get up and be ready to learn • Try hard and do their best • Share their learning with their teacher • Try not to argue with their parents about their learning • Let someone know if they are struggling



Laptop/PC repairs

Do you have a problem with your Laptop or PC? Is it creating a problem with your children's home learning?

A local company has very kindly offered to repair /help with any Laptop / PC issues free of charge whilst children are at home during lockdown.

They will aim to turn laptops / pcs / apple macs around within two days for you but most often within a day. Unfortunately, they cannot help with ipad / tablet screen repairs, they only work with pc's and macs.

Items can either be dropped of at the school office or taken to their office based at Bridge house Bewdley.

A few important reminders

Having reviewed the risk assessments in line with procedures provided by the government there are a few points we would like to remind Parents / Carers about;

We have lots of children in school in their class bubbles and are absolutely reliant on everyone not meeting and gathering elsewhere before or after school. Please adhere to the government lockdown guidelines.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

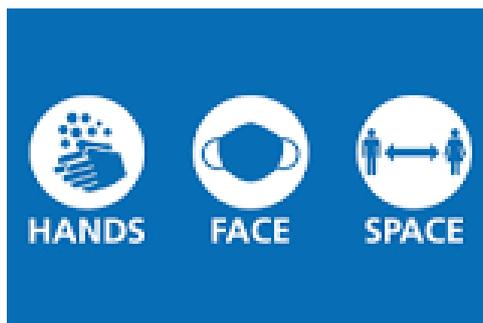


When dropping off and collecting your child/children please do not please do not gather in groups for a chat.

We ask parent/carers to wear masks at all times when dropping off and collecting your child and only one adult per family at these times.

If your child is **home learning** and requires a test or tests positive please let the school know by calling or emailing the school office. The school has to email figures to local government on a daily basis even if children are learning at home.

It remains very important that children do not attend school if they are unwell, specifically if they have a high temperature, a new, persistent cough or have a change in their sense of smell or taste (please note – only one of these symptoms need to be present). If a child does have one of these symptoms they should self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or be tested for coronavirus. It is also important that a child does not attend if a household member has symptoms or is taking a test. Please remember to let the school know if your child should be attending and is unable to do so.





Congratulations to **Ronnie** from Blackman class who has so far raised an incredible £562 for Macmillan Cancer Support, in just a couple of weeks. Ronnie was inspired to make a difference after hearing about a footballer who was recently diagnosed with cancer and so he's been doing all kinds of fitness challenges to raise money. Well done, Ronnie!



Evan (Reception, home learning) for really getting into this week's topic. Also, for making some wonderful shoes using an old pair of pumps. Well done!

Callum (Reception, school based) for being a super star and trying so hard with his letter formation and writing words on his own.

Maria (Year 1 home learning) for always going that extra mile with her home learning.

Henry (Year 1, school based) for his positive attitude shown in class and the improvement in his handwriting since Christmas.

Bobby (Year 3, home learning) for being an absolute superstar and working so hard this week - we've all been blown away by his enthusiasm and the amount of effort he has put in!

Ben (Year 3, school based) For his amazing topic work all about Biomes. He is the Biome Boy!

Willow (Year 4, home learning) for her consistent quality and effort with her work at home - in particular her AR reading quizzes.

Reuben (Year 4, school based) for writing an excellent journey story.

Nonin (Year 5, home learning) for presenting your research on Captain Edward Smith in such a creative way!

Abi (Year 5, school based) for super focus and effort towards her literacy work and general positive attitude towards work.

Ailsa (Year 6, home learning) for her amazing lockdown learning in all areas of the curriculum.

Evie (Year 6, school based) for an absolutely wonderful portal story using facts from our Ancient Egypt topic AND for being an AR millionaire!



These are the results for this week's Times Table Rock Stars' Tournaments and the top 3 scorers for each year group. Well done everyone!



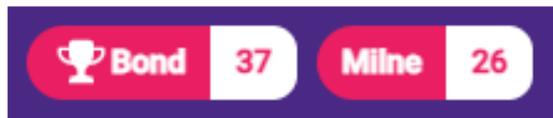
Year 6 – Ronnie, Dan, Charlie

Year 5 – Daniel , Joshua A, James



Year 4 – Ryan, Daisy, Rueben

Year 3 – Mattie, Ellie W, Lola G



Bond – Jonah, Georgina, Regan

Milne – Ava, Elizabeth, Luke

The tournaments for next week are staying the same, Milne, Y3 and Y5 need a chance to win!

Year 6 v Year 5

Year 4 v Year 3

Y2 Bond v Y2 Milne

They start tomorrow at 8am and will finish next Friday at 11.30am. Remember only points earned between 8am and 8pm count towards your class total!

GOOD LUCK!

Family Learning Courses

Family Learning Courses are **FREE**

Spring 2021

Please check the "**been referred**" box to book on free

Please book onto each course by searching for the course title:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses or call 01905 728537



Supporting you with Young Children

Fun Phonics - introduction to phonics in
Early Years & ideas to use at home

Starts 4th Feb Thur's 1pm

Magnificent Maths - intro to Early Years
maths & making resources to use at home

Starts 4th Feb Thur's 11am

Making & Using Story Sacks - supporting
imagination and story telling

Starts 4th Feb Thur's 7pm

Zog's Fire Breathing Adventures - art &
craft *Starts 19th Jan Tue's 11am*

Supporting your Mental Health and Wellbeing

Marvellous Me - supporting you during
lockdown

Starts 2nd Feb Tue's 1pm

Art in Your Heart - Colour Therapy

Starts 2nd Feb Tue's 7.30pm

Time for You - Mindfulness activities &
offloading

Starts 28th Jan Thur's 7.30pm

Heartful of Art - more complex art for those
with current knowledge

Starts 20th Jan Wed's 7pm

Supporting you with older children in Secondary School

Family Memories COVID-19 Time Capsule -
making memory box to remember this time

Starts 2nd Feb Tue's 1pm

Numeracy Skills for parents - refresh old skills
and learn new to support your child

Starts 1st Feb Mon's 7pm

English Skills for parents - feel confident to
help your child at school by learning skills

starts 4th Feb Thur's 7pm

Book & Cook - affordable cooking ideas
Starts 31st Jan Sat's 4pm

Supporting you with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

**Nurture course for parents of children with
SEND** - nurture your own health & wellbeing

Starts 1st Feb Mon's 7pm

Managing Mindfulness - anxiety management &
coping with meltdowns - take away techniques

Starts 1st Feb Mon's 7pm

Stimulating Sense for SEND - ideas & activities
Starts 3rd Feb Wed's 7pm

**TA strategies & Techniques for supporting
SEND children** - transitions, managing anxiety,
timetables, increasing wellbeing & self-esteem
Starts 3rd Feb Wed's 7pm



Online Learning

Our friendly Family Learning courses are currently online using 'Zoom' on your mobile phone, ipad, tablet or laptop. Your tutor will ring you before your course starts to **help you get online** for your course and can support you to access Zoom, help you check that you can use it ok and offer you any help you need.



Starting well Partnership
EVERY CONTACT SHAPES A LIFE

Have you got a child aged 0 to 19 years and need to talk to someone?

During this unprecedented time, parents and carers are facing new roles and challenges. Parenting and looking after children at home can be great fun, but it can also be very tough too. Remember you're not alone and our teams are here to support you. If you feel you might need some more support, our teams are on hand to help you.

For more information visit
<https://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk>

Contact:

Brookside Family Hub—01562 827207 (Monday & Friday)

Half Crown Wood Family Hub— 01299 877920 (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)

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