

# Radnage Church of England VA Primary School

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Newsletter 3

## Head Teacher's News

I'm hoping that, before long, I will be able to write a newsletter without any reference to Covid-19!!!

What a strange week! As the Autumn term has kicked in, inevitably, the coughs and colds have started to do the rounds. This year, things are a bit different however! Although we often 'know it is just a cough or a cold', any of the main symptoms of Covid-19 in any member of a household mean that the whole household has to self isolate until they get a negative test result. This is a huge sacrifice, and I am incredibly grateful to all of you for taking it so seriously. I spent Thursday to Sunday of last week self-isolating due my daughter having a temperature and then Tuesday to Thursday this week due to my son having one, so I know your pain! It is desperately frustrating, but we are doing our bit in terms of helping the country fight this virus.

Due to the national problems around testing, some families may find they have to spend longer periods out of school. As such, I have attached our remote learning plan to this newsletter, along with an example of a weekly remote timetable. The remote timetables are aimed at children who are isolating due to contact from Test and Trace or are unable to get a test whilst the rest of their class is in school. If you are in this situation, we will provide you with one of these. Please note that, if a child is feeling unwell, there is no expectation of them to complete learning.

I am delighted to announce a rather exciting event that will take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November after half term. The PTA have very kindly agreed to fund a visit from some scaly friends! We will be welcoming [Berkshire Reptile Encounters](#) into school to run sessions for every class. I can't wait to see the children interacting with, studying and handling lizards, snakes and many more creatures! I'm sure it will be a fabulous stimulus for lots of learning, as well as being great fun. Obviously, we will be following careful, Covid-secure procedures to keep everyone safe.

We also have to say another massive thank you to the PTA for the fabulous resources that arrived in school last week. They were kind enough to fund a big purchase of equipment including lots of concrete resources for learning in Maths, a range of historical artefacts for studying and some brilliant channelling kits for Badgers. Having the best resources available is essential for helping us to provide children with the very best learning opportunities. We have already seen the impact that having the manipulative resources has made on the children's learning in Maths. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for pictures!

Don't forget that Tuesday is school photos so get that hair styled and those clothes pressed in preparation! I hope you all have a great weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

*Sam Browne*

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## PTA

We had an excellent meeting of the PTA on Wednesday this week. Lots of important issues were discussed, in particular arranging events that can go ahead in the current climate and continue to raise vital funds for the school. This week, we received a large delivery of resources that the PTA kindly agreed to purchase for the school. Your children have already begun using these in class, and I will upload some photos of them in action to our Facebook page next week. The PTA does such an incredible job for our school, and it is vital that we all continue to support in any way we can.

One new way in which we can raise funds for the school is through Amazon Smile. Most of us use Amazon rather a lot, and by following this link: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and then searching for Radnage, you can raise funds for us simply through your normal shopping habits. Make sure you select Radnage CE Primary School Parent Teacher Association and, if possible, install the Amazon Assistant extension to your Chrome browser.

## Forest School

You will have noticed that we do not currently have forest school sessions running. Unfortunately, our Forest School teacher, Mrs Bridgen, is no longer able to run sessions for us. However, we are working quickly to try to resolve this as soon as possible by recruiting an alternative provider. In the meantime, if you know of a Forest School Leader who would be interested in working with us, please point them our way! I am fully committed to offering these sessions, as I believe they are incredibly valuable for children's confidence and self-esteem.

## Diary Dates

Date	Occasion	Location	Who?
<b>September 2020</b>			
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School Photos	Whole School	Everyone
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 7:30pm	FGB	Zoom	Governing Body
<b>October 2020</b>			
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Flu vaccination	School	Everyone
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Break up for Half Term	Whole School	Everyone
<b>November 2020</b>			
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School restarts	Whole School	Everyone
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup>	Berkshire Reptile Encounters	School Hall	Whole School
<b>December 2020</b>			
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> – 1:30pm	Break up for Christmas	Whole School	Everyone

