



THE BATT C.E. SCHOOL



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January Issue 1

Values: Our Value for this month is **Compassion.**

*The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. Psalms 145:8*

Our website is: [www.thebattschool.org.uk](http://www.thebattschool.org.uk)

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Dear Parents & carers,

I would like to begin with a big thank you to Chris Payne who has left the school in such a good form that this has made my life so much easier. What a start to the new year. Thank you for supporting us in a positive way as we settle into a new National Lockdown. The staff have worked so hard to try to put the remote learning in place for you. Please let us know if there are ways of improving this for you.

We really do NOT want you to be worried about home learning. If there are days when your family just need to snuggle up in front of an old film on the TV or just spend a couple of days playing/cooking/hobby building, please carry on; children, as you know, are struggling with this as much as we are and just need to relax sometimes.

The children in school have come back very calmly and for that we thank you.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### CALENDAR

5 Jan Spring Term starts  
8 Jan Newsletter out  
15 Jan Newsletter out

### Challenge 1

#### Our Vision and Values

Every week through Lockdown, I will try and give you a challenge to complete with your family. This can be emailed to school and I can remotely present **Golden certificates** for the most interesting replies.

The staff and Governors have been looking at the Vision for the school and trying to capture a best fit phrase for the school around our core values of **Friendship, Respect and Perseverance** with the overarching value of **Love**.

It would be lovely if the children and parents could design a poster to encompass our core values. We will have the best few made into professional posters to place around our school. Please use an A4 size sheet and we are happy for you to use colour.

### COVID partial lockdown in schools

We are currently managing the number of children in school with the latest restrictions. Please try your best to keep your child at home if it is at all possible.

## Zoom

We are sorry that some parents have not been able to join our Zoom daily updates. Here is the timetable and please let the Office know if there are any more issues.

Class	Zoom time AM	PM
RAW	9:40	2:10
1M	9:30	2:00
2D	9:30	2:00
3CW	9:30	2:00
3M	9:30	2:00
4EW	9:15	2:15
4D	9:15	2:15
5H	9:15	2:15
5W	9:15	2:15
6PH	9:20	2:30
6PJ	9:20	2:30

## Breaktime

This is just a reminder to all children and families. Our School promotes healthy eating and we have always stated that children are allowed any piece of fruit or vegetable or a healthy snack at break time. KS1 and reception children are given fresh fruit or veg every day. Please send water and not juice.

## PE

We ask that during this partial lockdown, all children that are in school need a pair of trainers to enable them to take part in a PE activity.

## Collective Worship

As you know, we are now teaching in bubbles and therefore we are unable to have collective worship as a whole school. I am managing to visit classes and join them for collective worship once a week and the teachers are also keeping this part of the curriculum alive. There will be a collective worship every Friday for all families to watch on the website.

## Free school meals

If your child is entitled to free school meals and you are currently remote learning, we will be in touch with you shortly concerning this matter.

### School lunch

We are in the process of working on a solution to safely reinstate hot school lunches. These will commence on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you to Michelle and the School Lunch Company.

### Remote Learning

We endeavor to make our remote learning as rich as possible. You will be informed as to how that is looking by the class teachers. We are using Learning Grids, Seesaw, Zoom, the website and ParentMail, to keep you informed. Some of you may have seen that Twinkl are offering a host of online resources to support home learning. Many of these will be available, without subscription, for parents to use at home. In addition, they are going to offer activities and resources to accompany the BBC lessons which start next week. Please look at these as they could be useful. Oxford Owl has a free login for parents to access hundreds of online reading books.

One of our parents has kindly recommended the use of Nominet as a programme for people to redistribute unused devices laptops, phones etc.

This company is called Reboot by Nominet.

### Mental Health

We would like to share some useful websites that Miss Ellie Doughton has put together for families during this pandemic. We hope you find some of them helpful.

#### [Helpful links and resources for supporting your child's mental health during lockdown and the Covid-19:](#)

- **Mental health foundation** - <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/>
- **Place2Be** - <https://www.place2be.org.uk/>
- **Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families** - <https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/>
- **The Children's Society** - <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-we-do/our-work/young-peoples-mental-health>
- **Young Minds** - <https://youngminds.org.uk/>
- **Heads Together** - <https://www.headstogether.org.uk/>
- **NSPCC** - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/>

- **Department for Education:**  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>
- **Anna Freud Foundation – Supporting your child's mental health through the Corona Virus**  
<https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/getting-started/coronavirus-and-mental-health/>

#### **Active activities:**

##### **Joe Wicks PE lessons:**

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=joe+wicks](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=joe+wicks)

Kids Just dance activities:

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[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=kids+just+dance+](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=kids+just+dance+)

##### **Cosmic yoga:**

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=cosmic+yoga](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=cosmic+yoga)