

Weekly Round-up

The end of the second week of home learning and I have more to put in my weekly round up email than I ever thought would be possible!!

We have continued to have between 3 and 10 children in school every day, depending on their parents working patterns and we are keeping them busy. This week we have started making brightly coloured banners to put on the railings at the front of the school to help cheer everyone up. You can see them if you pass the front of the school or by looking on the news tab of the school website.

A highlight of this week has definitely been Mr Herd's football chain! It is lovely how many people have filmed themselves kicking a football for us to add to the chain of kicks. We may not be able to see each other, but joining in with activities like this will hopefully help to keep the feeling of belonging to the school community alive. It is not too late to join in – just record yourself kicking a ball and email it to Mr Herd on jherd@barrington.cambs.sch.uk

Thank you to all of you who had a go at the first home challenge last week – The Egg Drop Challenge. It is not too late to have a go and send your photos in. The challenge for Week 2 is Ready, Steady. Cook the Dinner! The details are attached – please do email me photos of you cooking and of your delicious creations! The children in school had a go at this challenge by helping Trudi to cook the pizzas for the school lunch. It was rather messy, but great fun and the pizzas they made were surprisingly good! You can see what they got up to on the news tab of the school website.

In response to the school closures caused by Coronavirus, [National Theatre](#) is now offering username and password access to the National Theatre Collection. For a temporary period, plays can be accessed remotely so that you can watch them from home. We have set a school account so that you can access them:

Barrington School access details are: <https://www.dramaonlinelibrary.com>

Username: 3Tr\$7Fz&

Password: 3As%1Uz)

(The Log in button is in the top right-hand corner of the landing page. Please insert your username and password to left-hand option of the login pop-up.)

Please ensure you are typing the credentials in rather than copying and pasting them as this can insert invisible spaces which invalidate the details. These should be entered under the 'access log in' and not the 'personal log in'. If you have any difficulties please test in another browser as some are known as having issues.

We are free to share these details with staff and pupils, but they must not be offered to anyone external to our school or posted on social media.

Would you like to join us in going on a bear hunt? We would like to set up a bear hunt around the village for children to spot when they are out for their daily exercise. If you would like to join in, please email dcambridge@barrington.cambs.sch.uk . Dulcie will give you a number and then you need to put a sign in your window, with a rainbow and the number you have been given. Next to your sign you place your bear or even bears! Children going for a walk round the village can then try and spot all the bears! We have set up number 1 at school to get the bear hunt started.

We have been asked by the government to remain open over the Easter holidays for the children of keyworkers – this includes being open on the Bank Holidays. To ensure that school staff get a break, we have joined together with Foxton and Petersfield Primary Schools and will be offering joint provision over this period. Mr Herd will be running a sports camp for keyworkers children from the three schools, based at Foxton Primary School. We have contacted parents who have indicated that they are keyworkers directly, to discuss whether they need to use this provision. However we are aware that family situations may change over the two week holiday period. If you are or become a keyworker and your family circumstances change over the Easter break so that you need to access childcare please email me (head@barrington.cambs.sch.uk) and I will be happy to help you.

Teachers will not be setting new home learning over the Easter break, however the extra work that has been put on the class pages for children who have finished their paper learning packs will be left on the website over the break so that you can access them if you have bored children to entertain. The information weekly challenges will also be left on the news tab so that you can access those to complete as a family.

Over the past week I have managed to phone every family from school and either spoken to parents and children or left a message. It has been lovely to speak to you all and to hear how you are all coping with this very strange situation. I will be checking my school email at least daily over the Easter break, so if you are finding something tricky PLEASE DO email me. I will be very happy to help in any way that I can. When we return from the Easter break I will start my phones calls again to check in with everyone – but please do contact me if there is anything you need in the meantime.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Have as Happy an Easter as is possible under the current circumstances!

Gill Davies