



Barford St. Peter's V.A. Primary School

Newsletter

"Start children off on the way they should go and even when they are old, they will not turn from it".

Proverbs 22:6

Friday 8th January

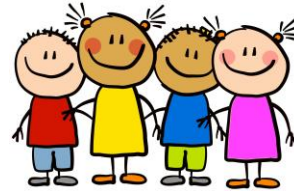
Dear Parents and Carers,

What a most unusual week it has been! On Monday the staff and I were all looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday. Unfortunately following the government announcement this could no longer happen and I was certainly so disappointed not to be able to meet the children which I had been very much looking forward to.

I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your kind messages of support during what has been a challenging week for everyone. I know that the teachers have really enjoyed teaching the children via zoom and they are so impressed with how well the children have engaged in the sessions. Thank you for your support with this. We do appreciate how incredibly difficult this time is for you as parents and want to do all we can to support you.

I have been made to feel most welcome by the whole school community and feel so very blessed to have the opportunity to work with you all. The highlight of my week has been seeing the children's bright smiles in my assemblies, as well

as being able to say hello to a few of the keyworker children from afar! It has also been such a pleasure to read all about the children as individuals to help me to get to know them better; thank you for the emails, drawings and work sent in so far!



Home Learning

We hope that you have enjoyed the class zoom sessions and found our new platform 'padlet' easy to use. We recognise that every family finds themselves in a unique situation and are keen to know how well home learning is working for you. Next week there will be a link to a questionnaire sent out for you to complete so that you are able to provide us with some constructive feedback. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for working incredibly hard to get the

home learning up and running at such short notice. They certainly are incredibly efficient!

Next week we will continue to use padlet under a new link, which is provided below. These are 'live' information boards and so teachers will constantly be adding on new work for the following days, so please do not be too alarmed if the content is not all there on your first view.

Class	New Padlet Link
Reception	https://padlet.com/Mrs_Garner/ijsqbd6rzaql9sux
Year 1	https://padlet.com/hurlocka/ch5olg4ivhcs9trv
Year 2	https://padlet.com/carsond6/t1jh9h1pq83ji8e9
Year 3	https://padlet.com/sewardst/bfq0nrm8rbw9bmn5
Year 4	https://padlet.com/gallaghera52/iuhejvuoen04ou6z
Year 5	https://padlet.com/allsopph/i0mqkx4vb3u6iblp
Year 6	https://padlet.com/stockr1/Y6HomeLearning

Electronic Equipment

We recognise and appreciate that many families are finding they suddenly require additional equipment for children to use in order to complete their on-line learning. We are doing our best to source additional equipment which can

be loaned out. Unfortunately, we have come across some technical issues with loaning chrome books, which we are hoping to resolve as soon as we can. If you do need additional equipment please do email me head3587@we-learn.com or the office admin3587@welearn365.com to let us know.



Hard copies of home learning are also available outside the office for collection at your convenience.

Key Worker Provision

There has been a very high demand for keyworker places and we are now at capacity in almost all year group bubbles. Please could we ask that children wrap up with lots of layers as the classrooms have to be well ventilated in line with our risk assessment and government guidance for schools.

Please could children also bring their own healthy snack for break times as the fruit scheme is not provided during lockdown.



For lunch, children are able to chose either a hot or cold deli bag option each day, or bring their own packed lunch if they wish.

Unfortunately, due to lack of demand we are unable to offer wrap around provision for keyworker children at the present time. Our apologies for any inconvenience this causes.

Wipes!

An unusual request, but if you are able to donate a pack of anti-bacterial wipes we would be most grateful; they help to keep us safe in school with wiping down equipment such as the chrome books.

Celebration Assembly



The following children have been chosen as the 'Star of the Week' by their teachers; well done to:

Class	Name
Reception	Ella Bradbury
Year 1	Albert Smith
Year 2	Leila Maby
Year 3	Claudia Fisher
Year 4	Joshua Clarke
Year 5	Austin Stewart
Year 6	Sadie Valentini

We are very proud of all the children this week, well done everyone and keep up the good work!

I wish you all a peaceful weekend and look forward to seeing you in assembly on Monday.

Term Dates

Term	Date
February Half Term	Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February
Spring Term 2 nd Half Begins	Monday 22 nd February
Easter Holiday	Friday 2 nd April to Friday 16 th April
Summer Term 1 st Half Begins	Monday 19 th April
Summer Half Term	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June
Summer Term 2 nd Half Begins	Monday 7 th June
Summer Term Ends	Wednesday 21 st July

We have three Inset Days still to allocate this year and you will be notified of these shortly.

