



BANNOCKBURN Primary School

Newsletter

January 2021

We hope that this newsletter finds friends and family safe and well.

- Thank you to the many children, parents and carers for the gifts and cards that were sent or given to the staff at the end of last term, they really were very much appreciated. We always cherish the lovely messages in cards, emails and letters, however, this year the sentiments were so very much needed and gave a boost to our staff on both sites. We would like to extend our support to you in whatever way we can so please contact school should you need a helping hand; we will always do our best to help. The school Blog has ideas to support wellbeing during this difficult time.
- All children eligible for Free School Meals will receive food vouchers over the coming weeks as per the previous lockdown. As soon as school has been given the full details, we will make sure these are allocated as quick as possible.

Community Events

The Fun Run and International Evening have been postponed to 2022.

A reminder to ALL parents and carers to make sure that their children are accessing the home learning in whatever format works for your child and your family.

Please contact the school should you require support with this or a part of the learning.

BBC Education

On TV

CBBC will broadcast three hours of primary school programmes from 9am every weekday. They will include BBC Bitesize Daily, as well as other much-loved shows with an educational twist, such as Our School, Celebrity Supply Teacher, Horrible Histories and more.

Primary Age

Help them keep up with our straightforward lessons in Maths and English. Developed by educational consultants, these Learning at Home lessons are curriculum-based and self-contained.

Go to the [BBC Bitesize homepage](#), click on Start a Lesson, and choose your year group.

You can also get stuck in with collections of educational resources hand-picked from BBC Bitesize and the wider BBC, including collections for other subjects such as Science, History and Geography. Primary content is organised by topic or theme to make it easy for you to find.

Dates for the diary:

Friday 15th January – Last day to apply for 2021 Reception places

Week beginning 8th February – Due to the current situation we are unable to hold the Parent/Carer Pupil Review Evenings. Therefore, the teachers will be contacting you for a 5-10 minute phonecall during this week. They will have to phone around their planning and online teaching so we request your patience if these phonecalls are restarted again in the week after the half term.

Friday 12th February – Last day of Half Term (Back to school Monday 22nd Feb) As you will be aware, we are waiting on Government to announce the plans for schools for Spring 2.

Please see Term Dates on the school website for 2020/2021 & 2021/2022

If you require a paper copy, please ask at the school offices.

Laptops

The school have been allocated a number of laptops. These have started to be distributed and will continue to be when the next allocation arrives.

Please be aware that the school need to prioritise using the criteria given to schools regarding our most vulnerable and those entitled to Free School Meals. This does not automatically mean that all families in these categories will receive a laptop as we have not been allocated enough for all children but we are reviewing the resources and access to learning that all children have.

During the previous Lockdown we had approximately 15% of families able to access a device and this percentage is now approximately 70%+.



Google Classroom Times

(Can be accessed via laptop, computer, Xbox, PlayStation, phone etc.)

FS and KS1:

9am, 10am and 11am.

KS2:

12.30, 1.30 and 2.30pm

Please check your children's devices to ensure that they are using age appropriate games and Apps. This is a parent/carer responsibility, including checking WhatsApp communication, if your child uses this age 16+ App

Online Teaching and Safety

Teachers have been leading classes (online) every day using Google Classroom. This offer is alongside the learning packs and the other online resources that the school offers, such as Linguascope, Reading Eggs, Mathletics and Times Table Rockstars. Many of you have sent in your appreciation for the teachers during this time and how much you value the live lessons. These messages are shared with the school staff and we know how lucky we are to have staff who respond so positively to the challenges that these changes present. This offer of blended/remote learning is far beyond some of the offers that other schools are giving and to maintain this, we need to ensure that everyone follows simple etiquette and online expectations. School leaders and governors have been reviewing our home learning agreement and the guidance that has previously been shared with parents/carers to make some additions/changes. The full copy will be available online once it has been fully agreed. Until then please see a summary below:

Online Etiquette and Expectations

CHILDREN:

- ✓ Please ensure that children are ready for learning – dressed appropriately, mobile phone turned off, pencil/paper ready, not eating, facing the camera and in a quiet area.
- ✓ Show the behaviours that are expected of you in school. If you would not behave in a certain way in school, then please remember this while online.
- ✓ Children need to mute their microphones unless the teacher has asked otherwise.
- ✓ Think before you type in the comments box.
- ✓ Do not take screen shots or videos of the lesson.
- ✓ When you have a question, physically raise your hand or type your question in chat.
- ✓ Sit up in your chair, look in the camera and be an active listener.
- ✓ Try not to distract your classmates with large body movements.

PARENTS/CARERS:

- ✓ All adults need to be out of view or sound unless supporting children who have identified needs or adhoc helping with resources.
- ✓ Any adults that walk past the screen need to be aware that they can be seen and so need to behave and dress appropriately.
- ✓ Parents/Carers are not to contribute to the live lessons.
- ✓ Parents/Carers to ensure that the background is appropriate and does not share any personal details.

Quick Update: Miss Kimmins, in the school office, is now Mrs Roberts 😊

Value of the Month: Effort

**LOVE CHALLENGES, BE INTRIGUED
BY MISTAKES, ENJOY EFFORT
AND KEEP ON LEARNING.**

CAROL DWECK

Homework will resume once we return to Face to Face teaching. All children working on learning packs, their own bespoke timetable, in school or online teaching, will automatically receive the 10 Homework Points for their tracker.