



Bryn St Peter's C of E Primary School January 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Back! (sort of)

What a start to a new year, as we were suddenly thrown back into lockdown once again. Like you at home, we had a lot to organise here in school.

Thank you to everybody who has supported us with setting up school ready to go, 'whether your child is now attending, or you are once again 'home schooling'.

We were ready to greet some smiling faces back on Wednesday morning and by now have heard from most of the children online. All staff are in school, teaching face to face and continuing to work and communicate at home with you and your children. The feedback so far has been positive. Thank you to all the teachers and TAs for adapting to this so quickly, and of course, our extended teaching staff (you!) and the children who have 'got stuck in'.

School places during lockdown

Only the children of critical workers, or 'vulnerable' children have access to school at the moment.

We had much higher numbers asking for places than last time. The more children and staff in school, the greater the risk of the transmission of covid-19, which is why we were asking you to think carefully about the places you were requesting. The transmission rate in the northwest is currently very high. If someone is at home, or you have other childcare arrangements, we ask that you keep your child at home so we have enough capacity for those who need it. The government has given us very little guidance, as yet, so the numbers in school may be subject to change, which is why people were asked to confirm the 'critical workers' status, of both parents, in case we do have to prioritise. Thank you for all your co-operation.

The government's message is clear:

**Stay at home
Save Lives
Protect the NHS**

As things become safer we will offer more places in school, as we did last time.

For those in school, **you must now wear masks on the playground** in order to protect all staff, children and other parents/carers on the school grounds.

Parents/carers only can drop off and collect. If you have an informal childcare arrangement with **one** other household, you must let us have the name of the person who can collect. (fill in the form on school spider, even if you are not in school at the moment).

Please do not linger, or chat at drop off and pick up time - inside or outside the school gates.

Y6 SATs

There will be no Y6 SATs in May. The children will, instead be assessed by Mrs Litton.

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SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Not only did we have a great day in school but we have now sent £147.26 To SAVE THE CHILDREN. Win x Win!

Free school Meals

If you believe your child is entitled to free school meals (This does not include free meals if your child is in rec/Y1/Y2) and you are home schooling, you should have heard from me, if you haven't please send an email. There is a form for you to complete on Spider.

Technology

Another form - sorry! But I am trying to establish how we can help with 'home school'. There is a short form to complete on 'Spider', to help us understand how you are working at home. The more information we have, the more I may be able to help you. I am trying to access free wifi/internet routers and devices, and the more evidence we have the better. I'd be grateful if you could complete the form. (By the way did you know that the Playstation or X Box can access our remote learning? More details to come!)

Dates for your Diary.

Date	What's happening	Who?
Fri 29 th Jan	PTA Annual General Meeting (Zoom) 2pm	All parents
Mon 15 th Feb	Half Term week	Everyone
Mon 22 nd Feb	Back to School	EVERYONE!

Christmas performances

The show did go on!

The Christmas performance went 'live' on Christmas Eve. I hope you had chance to watch it. (The link was sent to you in an email). There have been 326 watches so far!

Thank you for all the lovely comments, and most of all thank you again to Mr Greaves, who edited the clips to bring together the performances that were carried out separately in our bubbles

Communicating with us

If you want to speak to your child's class teacher, about their learning or progress, please catch them on seesaw. If you would like a conversation, we will arrange a phone call after home time.

If there is an urgent message or you have a message about money, absences or anything not related to learning, please call or email the school office. Mrs Rushton will deal your query.

Birthdays

Don't forget the children can wear their own clothes on their birthday (or near to if it's a weekend). If they are not in school because of the lock down, they can 'save' their day for when they return!.

School Spider

You can access all your messages by clicking the parent login on the app or you can log into the website using the same login. If you have forgotten your password, you can reset it yourself. If you have forgotten your username, please give us a call or emails us.

Bryn St Peter's staff and governors send their best wishes to you as we start the New Year, and hope that you make the most of this time with your families, as we all look forward to a brighter future!

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