Friday 05 March 2021

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer.

As schools prepare to fully reopen to all pupils on Monday 8th March, the government has <u>announced</u> that households with primary school, secondary school and college age children (including childcare and support bubbles) can test themselves twice every week at home. Primary school pupils will not be tested in school. You may be aware that approximately one in three people with COVID-19 do not display symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms (asymptomatic testing) is important to help stop the virus spreading.

As schools are unable to provide such test kits to parents, carers or household members, you will need to organise your own tests. This can be done by the following options:

- Via employers, if they offer testing to employees.
- At a local test site. Testing at these sites is assisted which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator. You may need to book an appointment. <u>Find your nearest rapid lateral</u> <u>flow test site</u>.
- By collecting a home test kit from a test site. You can
 collect up to four home test kits at a local collection
 point. Each kit contains seven tests. Anyone 18 or
 over can collect. You can check online if the
 location is busy before you go. Find your nearest
 home test kit collection point.
- By ordering a home test kit online. Please do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most. <u>Order rapid lateral flow home test kits.</u>

The test will come with instructions on reporting test results. If anyone tests positive or gets COVID-19 symptoms, they should tell the school and:

- self-isolate immediately
- get a PCR test to confirm the result
- follow the stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection

A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. This does not guarantee you do not have the virus so you should keep following all <u>coronavirus advice</u> including:

- regular handwashing
- social distancing
- wearing a face covering where recommended

There is also more <u>guidance on who can be tested and how</u> <u>you can get a test</u>.

We are very much looking forward to all our pupils returning to Churchfields on Monday. In the meantime, I hope you find this information useful.

Kind regards,

Simon Futcher

Mathletics

It's so nice to be able to celebrate the work of our mathletes every week. Well done to those who are

putting in the extra effort to keep learning and improving their maths, and it's absolutely brilliant to see yet another gold certificate this week! Well done Team Churchfields!

GOLD: Eloise

SILVER: Oscar, Rufus, Emily J, Eloise, Eleanor

BRONZE: Oscar, Alex C, Ezra, Oliver CJ, Olivia, Ethan, Josiah, Alexis, Maddox, Edie, Rufus, Oliver H, Lillie, Emily J, William J, Ted L, Eloise, Eleanor, Emily M, Asahi, Joseph, George R, Scarlett

After school clubs term 4

Sadly because of current Government restrictions, after school clubs are not able to run in the normal way during term 4. Tiger Martial arts is only able to offer limited places to pupils already registered with them subject to specific criteria being met. Our other providers are hoping to be able to offer after school activities in term 5, providing restrictions are lifted in the planned way as part of the Government roadmap.

SCHOOL READING BOOKS

PLEASE COULD EVERYONE HAVE A LOOK AT HOME AND BRING ANY SCHOOL READING BOOKS THAT HAVE BEEN WITH THEM OVER THE SCHOOL CLOSURE PERIOD BACK ON MONDAY.







News from around the School.

LAST FRIDAY, FALCONS were very lucky to have a visitor on their meet. Duncan, who is Niamh's and Alice's uncle is working on the next moon mission! Falcons created Thank You's for Duncan and gave their favourite facts, the main one being that there are seven septillion stars in the sky. Here are a selection of our thank you cards.









NIGHTINGALES

Celebrating books and authors dominated much of our learning this week culminating in World Book Day on Thursday and our online 'Bedtime Stories' session. It was lovely to see so many of you join in on Thursday evening. I have received some very interesting maps of favourite stories, super 'loo roll characters' and inventive origami bookmarks.

Well done everyone on your amazing efforts in school and at home over the past two months. I am so excited to be welcoming you all back to school on Monday. Your resilience and resourcefulness have been astonishing this term, and your care and consideration for yourselves, your families and friends has shone through.











WELL KINGFISHERS, what can I say? I don't think you will ever know just how proud I am of you and your wonderful parents. I have been blown away by all of the learning you have done at home and your absolute enthusiasm when we meet up online.

You have all put a massive smile on my face every time we have met. I cannot thank you all enough for this and all you have done during this time. To say I am privileged and proud of each and every one of you is an understatement. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

I cannot wait to see you all on Monday. I shall be excitedly waiting at the top to see all of your beautiful smiles come through the gate! Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy being together with your families.

Lots and lots of love

Mrs G X X X

KESTRELS have thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day and the different book-related challenges. We had bookmarks, dens, poetry and stories! We've also enjoyed designing and building Mars bases, using our knowledge of the planet and its atmosphere to good effect. Then we've been learning estate agent speak in order to sell our designs to the Kestrel Space Academy. We have some very persuasive writers! We've also enjoyed exploring the outdoors with a solar system work and using story sticks to record a journey.

























The Hub@BA15

The Hub continues to be supported by the local community with food and finances so we are once again able to offer food parcels to your school families, and appreciate there may be additional families struggling due to furlough and redundancy, as well as issues around Universal credit.

Your details can be provided to the school; alternatively you can contact the Hub directly. We also want you to know that we are able to provide parcels during non-school holidays for the entire family.

The Hub is open Monday through Friday from 10 to 1. Our phone number is 01225 920148 and email is boacommunityhub@gmail.com should you need any information. We are also able to help with debt advice and some welfare benefit enquiries.

Term 4	
08 March	School open to all pupils
16 & 17 March	Group 1 Bikeability
19 March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day
23 & 24 March	Group 2 Bikeability
Thursday 01 April	INSET DAY
Thursday 01 April	End of Term 4

Future INSET days for Academic Year 2020/2021: Thursday 22 July and Friday 23 July



