



St Peter's CE Primary School

Bratton

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all as well as can be at the end of this week. It is a very hard time for everyone and I hope you are all finding a way through it.

I came across the picture below and thought it may sum things up!



There are some messages, updates and reminders below. Please remember, we are here to help, whether your children are in school or not. The office is open every day.

I hope you all get a break at some point over the weekend.

Best wishes,

Mark Davis

Head Teacher

## Does your child need to be in school?

For children who are currently in school, I have asked parents to consider if they really need their child to be at school or not. The government advice is that even where parents are critical workers, they should keep their child at home if they are able to do so. Everyone's circumstances are different, but with the

Local Authority reporting the highest ever rates of infection in the pandemic so far, I felt it important to remind parents of this.

If you qualify for a place in school as a critical worker, please keep your child at home if you can. If you can't keep them at home, they can of course come to school. Please inform us if you no longer intend to bring your child to school. If you find your circumstances have changed and you now need to bring your child to school and you qualify, please get in touch with the office.

### **Food Bank and Clothing Bank:**

We do still have our school food bank and clothing bank operating outside the main office doors. If you are visiting the site between 9am and 3.10pm you will need to press the buzzer at the pedestrian gates to access the site. Between 7.30am and 9am and then from 3.30pm until 6pm the gate is open and you can access these areas.

Please feel free to add to, or take from, these areas as you wish if you have a need or with the clothing bank, if you are happy to have something that is second hand to save buying something new. There are a number of good winter coats available in the clothes store. We do also have a route available for shoes for those who are finding it difficult to buy them for their children. If you would like us to try and access this on your behalf, please either email or phone the school office and pass a message on to Mr Davis. Someone will then get in touch with you about this.

### **Laptops and Internet Access:**

We do still have laptops available to borrow from school and mobile internet sticks for those who do not have internet connections at home. For those using mobile internet connections to access home learning, we are now able to access free additional data usage, from some providers, to enable access to home learning.

Therefore, if you need help with connections please phone or email the office so we can try and arrange this for you.

We are told that Oak Academy lessons, which we are using as part of our remote learning, are now zero rated for data usage. Therefore, they shouldn't use any data from your mobile device if you access them in this way.

### **Free School Meals:**

For those of you eligible for Free School Meals based on income, you will now start to receive vouchers from Edenred as you did in lockdown 1. We are not able to register you until we have been reactivated (we hope on Monday). So vouchers will arrive by email once they have been processed by Edenred.

For those in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – all children in these groups get a free lunch if they are in school. If children are not in school, there is currently no voucher facility. We have raised this to try and find a solution to it but if you think you might qualify for income based free school meals please apply online following the link [https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20028/school\\_meals/9/free\\_school\\_meals](https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20028/school_meals/9/free_school_meals)

### **Times Table Rockstars:**

We are told there is a new parent guide available in Times Table Rockstars. You should see this after log in. This is an update from TTR, not from us.

## Teams and videos

As part of our remote learning, we began recording videos to upload at the start of this week. Some of you have already seen and enjoyed some of them. They will be introduced more widely from the beginning of next week onto TEAMS. Many of us are learning new skills on how to do this. Understandably, many staff members are concerned that their image will be used inappropriately on other social networking sites without their permission. It feels like a good time to remind everyone of school policy:

Parents, pupils and staff will be advised of the dangers of discussing pupils, staff or the school on social networking sites. The governors will consider taking legal action, where appropriate, to protect pupils and staff against cyber-bullying and defamatory comments.

(E-Safety Policy Feb 2020)

In other words, please do not copy, photograph, video any of the videos or photographs uploaded to TEAMS for your own use or to upload to any social networking sites.

Thank you,

Mrs Martin  
Deputy Head Teacher

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	PD day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term holiday
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	End of Spring term