



St Peter's CE Primary School

Bratton

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well this week.

We had lots of fun last Friday for Red Nose Day. I hope your children came home with plenty of jokes to share with you!

There are various messages and bits of information below for you.

Best wishes,

Mark Davis

Head Teacher

## Visiting Author:

Today local children's author Gemma Everson joined us online to read her book and answer questions about it.



Attached is a letter from Gemma which outlines information about the book and what to do if you would like to purchase a signed copy.

### **Easter Service:**

Next Thursday we will have our Easter service with Rev Andy Ackroyd, which we'll be doing over Teams.

### **Returning Laptops and Devices:**

Many of you have borrowed laptops and routers from school for remote learning during lockdown.

We hope that lockdowns are now at an end! We would now like our devices back so that we can start teaching computing in the way that we would like!

Therefore....

If you borrowed a device, put it and the charger into a bag and bring that into school next week. Your child can pass it to their teacher, put it into the drop box at school reception or hand it in to school reception. If you want a receipt, please take it to school reception.

If the laptop has any faults or sustained any damage, please let us know in advance by sending us an email and please make sure the bag / laptop **has your child's name on it!**

We will quarantine the devices once they are returned and they will be serviced by our IT technician over the holiday.

Should we end up in a position where we must close a bubble, we will make devices and routers available to borrow again.

### **LFT Tests**

We've had a few people this week tell us they are using LFT tests on children and some of you have told us that NHS 119 have told you to do this.

This goes against the guidance given, which is that children should have PCR tests if they are displaying any of the coronavirus symptoms. This week, parents have been given appointments for PCRs within the hour and had results back in 4 hours. We confirmed the guidance earlier this week with Telford and Wrekin due to queries we had.

Yesterday, the DFE reminded all schools of the guidance in their daily email. I have screen shot the relevant section.

**So, if your child is symptomatic book a PCR test rather than use an LFT.**

## Primary school pupils and rapid asymptomatic testing

On advice from Public Health England (PHE), pupils in primary schools and children in nursery settings are not included in the rapid asymptomatic testing programme.

PHE has advised that there are currently limited public health benefits to testing primary-aged pupils with lateral flow devices (LFD). In addition, primary-aged pupils, particularly younger children, may find the LFD testing process unpleasant and are unable to self-swab.

We are advising that primary-aged pupils should only be tested if they are symptomatic, in which case their families should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and [book a PCR test](#) for the child.

You may also offer a PCR test kit to the parent or guardian of any primary school child who becomes symptomatic onsite, if they believe that the child faces significant barriers to testing through the usual routes. All schools were sent an initial supply of 10 PCR test kits before the start of the autumn term in 2020. You can replenish these kits when they run out by making an order through the [online portal](#). Rapid LFD tests should not be offered to individuals who develop coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, regardless of their age.

LFT tests are recommended for adults in households where children are attending school and this week the list of places you get these from was updated. Information below:

**There are now more borough locations to collect home test kits from:**

**- From the Council's rapid testing sites**

- **The Place, Oakengates;**
- **The Anstice, Madeley;**
- **Cosy Hall, Newport**

Open Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm & 2.30pm-7pm and Sat-Sun, 10am – 2.30pm

The Place, Oakengates is closed on Sat.

## British Science Week



Children across the school have been celebrating science to commemorate the recent national event of British Science Week. The children explored a variety of activities for this year's theme of ***Innovating for the Future***. Children in year 1 designed their own robo-bugs; year 4 children explored their fingerprints and whether the appearance of food affects taste and year 6 children debated the topic of selective breeding for farming. Look out for our Twitter post with some pictures and examples of work from the children.

As part of the week's activities, the children took part in a 'zoomed-in' photo competition. Thank you to everyone who sent in a photograph. We had some fantastic pictures sent into us and some were a real mystery that left everyone baffled! Can you guess what these are?



Each class that competed had to guess what the mystery items were and the winning class will today receive a science-related prize! The winning classes are:

**KS1- 1R2**

**KS2- 4G2**

Thank you to all those who contributed and took part in the competition, we hope you had lots of fun.

Mrs Williams