



Barnham Primary Newsletter

12th June 2020

I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,
plans to give you hope and a future.



Dear All,

In the last three months, like you our school community has faced times that have never been seen before and we have adjusted swiftly and are working in different ways; whilst still holding true to our values and striving to support children and families in a range of different ways.

A real highlight for me each week is when teachers share with me the conversations they have had with you, the photographs that you have sent in and the learning that you have shared. It is just wonderful to see and hear, I love how creative you have been, the walks you have been taking, the planting you have been doing and as for the baking – definitely some chefs in the making – yum!

I know the home learning can be really tough, a huge well done for sticking at and doing the best you can. No two days are the same, you may do more one day and less the next and some days you may just need time to play, walk, watch movies and switch off for a bit.

Please do just e-mail your child's class teacher with any questions or queries, they will get back to you. It may not be as quick as it was as they are now in school each day, but they will still get back to you and definitely want to hear from you.

Current Opening Situation

Over the last three months we have prioritised our keyworker and vulnerable children by providing childcare and a place at school. In comparison to local and many national schools our school is quite unique in having a large number of keyworker & vulnerable children, with 42 children from all year groups, split across 3 bubbles (bubbles are small groups of children per classroom space to allow for 2 metre social distancing).

Our high number of keyworker and vulnerable pupils has influenced the amount of year groups we are able to open up to at present. From Monday 8th June some of our Year 6 pupils returned to school, as our risk assessment showed that this year group would allow us to assess the safety measures we have put in place and determine if social distancing, handwashing and hygiene standards can be maintained with a larger number of children in the building.

At this present time our 3 key worker bubbles and 1 year 6 bubble are taking up our quota of available staff, with staff only allocated to one bubble and not being able to cross bubbles. As you can imagine each space in the school has been carefully measured to see how many pupils we can safely fit in, whilst adhering to social distancing requirements.

The governors and I have this under constant review and if anything changes in the coming weeks we will be in touch.



COMPETITION!

We have a challenge for our children in Years 2-5! Over the next two weeks up until Friday 19th June, we want to see each and every one of you trying to beat your own individual time and current scores on TT Rockstars!

Your teachers will be looking carefully and adding new tables in for you to complete as they see you progressing through. Please just telephone school if you do not have your child's log in details.

We have two prizes that we will be posting out to our lucky winners.

GOOD LUCK AND GOOOOOOOOO!!!

Free School Meals

As previously e-mailed out please do you use the link below to check if your child is eligible for free school meals. This would enable us to send you a £15 weekly supermarket voucher, as per the government's current scheme.

When we return to school your child will receive free school meals, free uniform items and subsidised trips and clubs.

We know that many families' circumstances have changed over the last few months, it is worth re-checking if your circumstances have changed.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

HOME LEARNING

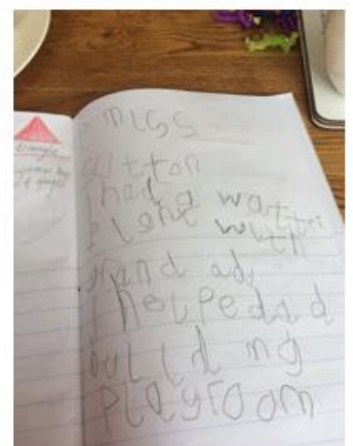
Home learning is uploaded on our website under the Coronavirus Advice Page – scroll down to the bottom and you will see the home learning link.

Here are some of this week's Home Learning Heroes:



Jenson drawing what he thinks a 'bog baby' might look like!

He has also prepared his own pirate party, making a menu, helping prepare the food and creating a map so other pirates can join the party!



Jack has written a letter to Miss Sutton.