



The Bader Bugle



Spring Term 4

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A message from Mr Hodgson

Another week of this latest lockdown goes by with the announcement from the Prime Minister that the soonest schools will open will be March 8th at the earliest. This is disappointing but not massively surprising – a point to note is, Stockton and particularly Thornaby's infection rates are currently higher than in the North East in general. That's why again, I would urge you to keep your children at home if this is at all possible. This is the safest place for them at the current time.

Remote Learning

Our remote learning offer has been uploaded to our school website now and also to Class Dojo. This offer provides:-

- set assignments so that pupils have meaningful and ambitious work each day in a number of different subjects
- set work that is of equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school, and as a minimum: Key Stage 1: 3 hours a day (less for younger children) and Key Stage 2: 4 hours a day
- provide frequent, clear explanations of new content, delivered by a teacher or through high-quality curriculum resources or videos
- have systems for checking, at least weekly, whether pupils are engaging with their work, and inform parents immediately where engagement is a concern
- gauge how well pupils are progressing through the curriculum using questions and other suitable tasks, and provide feedback, at least weekly, using digitally facilitated or whole-class feedback where appropriate
- enable teachers to adjust the pace or difficulty of what is being taught in response to questions or assessments, including, where necessary, revising material or simplifying explanations to ensure pupils' understanding

Remote Learning Survey

Thank you to all parents and carers who have completed the remote learning survey this week. Thank you also for all your feedback which will be considered and responded to. A selection of positive comments include:-

Question: Is there something that the school could improve or help further on?

Not in my opinion. The school have dealt with this situation great. Considering they are in the exact same boat as everyone else, they are doing more to help out the children and parents than I think they've ever had to do before. Hats off to them

No I honestly think you are all doing an amazing job! You all spend so much time making sure that the children's education isn't suffering and that they don't fall behind. You are all amazing

No, I just want to say you are all doing an absolutely amazing job in this awful time, although my child doesn't like home schooling, only because he misses his friends! I think it's very organised. Teachers are extremely helpful, putting the video clips on with explanations on. I really couldn't ask you to do anymore!

Teachers are very under valued and I think this pandemic has shown us parents what amazing work you all do

Whilst we are aware, this offer of remote learning will constantly evolve and be improved upon, we do feel that at Bader Primary School, our remote learning offer is considerably better than what some schools are offering and is a big improvement on the arrangements during first lockdown. I would like to thank all our parents and carers again for their support but repeat again that there is no expectation for parents and carers to act as teachers and get directly involved in the work set. If parents and carers support their child to engage with the work and provide them with a space to complete it, they are doing a great job!

Staff Testing in School

This week, staff in school have begun being tested for Covid-19 as per the latest Government advice. This will involve staff taking a lateral flow test (a rapid COVID-19 self-test kit). Tests have been widely and successfully used to detect COVID-19 in asymptomatic individuals. No test is perfect, but the speed and convenience of LFD tests supports detection of the virus in asymptomatic individuals who would not otherwise be tested. They are clinically approved and are crucial in the fight against the virus.

The nature of when these tests need to be administered will mean potential closing of a bubble at very short notice, i.e. on the morning of that particular school day. Unfortunately, this cannot be avoided as if staff test positive with these Lateral Flow Tests, they need to inform school and self isolate, stay at home and book a Covid test online with the NHS.

Head Teacher Postcards

To acknowledge high levels of engagement with remote learning, we are sending home postcards from the Head. Recently, the following children have received one in the post for their excellent efforts:- **Lincoln Carney, Ollie Holmes, Isaac Huitson, Mia Todd, Jake Mylan, Samuel Mace, Millie Foxton, Harley Atkins, Roscoe Callen, Zakk Vale, Alfie McGrath, Ralph Dollard, Jacob Davies and Jude McNeil**

Read for the Stars

This week, saw three brilliant superstar readers in Year 5, and two brilliant superstar reader in Year 2 reach the sun for the second time. Well done to **Tabitha Cassey, Sophie Elliott and Oliver Parkinson** plus **Logan Daniels and Cody Williams**.



These children are the first in school to reach this superb milestone and deserve a big cheers for their efforts...

Hip, Hip, Hooray!

Well done also to **Dalton Thomas** for reaching the sun for the first time.

Twitter



We now have an amazing **2259** followers on Twitter. **Don't miss out!** You can catch up on all the exciting learning that has been captured on Twitter in the last week (@BaderPrimary) for postings of the latest news and events going on in school. Also, check out our school website:

<http://www.bader.org.uk/>

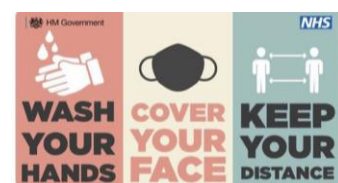
Covid-19

Just a reminder, please help us by following the Government campaign.

2 of these 3 requests readily apply at the school gates:-

- Please wear a face covering
- Please keep your distance

Please help us to help you keep everyone safe!



Edenred – Government Free School Meal Vouchers

For all families eligible for the Government's voucher scheme for FSM children, you should now have received your 4-week's vouchers. If you have not received your vouchers, please use the information below:

- If the email has not arrived, please check the junk mail folder in your email account.
- The email will come from noreply@edenred.com and the eCode will contact 16 numbers.
- If the email address that school has is correct, but you have still not received your vouchers, please carefully read the instructions and complete the form at the link below:

<https://cdn.edenred.uk.com/select/eCode-resend-request.html>

Please also update your new email address to Mrs Whysall at the school office, by Class Dojo

If you think that you might be eligible for Free School Meals follow the link below to apply:

<https://www.stockton.gov.uk/our-people/schools/school-meals/>

Take care and have a safe weekend.

Mr Hodgson