



30<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## BHPS Newsletter No. 26 2020~2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of such an unusual term, I thought it might be helpful to update you on one or two matters.

### Positive Test Results in the Easter Holidays

Please be aware that if your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 (a new continuous cough, a high temperature and/or a change/lack of sense of smell or taste) in the Easter holidays, you will need to book them in for a PCR test. If they develop these symptoms or test positive before the end of Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April, you should contact the school emergency number - **07809 737074** - which will be operational between 10.00am and 4.00pm. This could result in us having to isolate certain bubbles of children and so, to support the safety of others and reduce the transmission of the virus, it is essential that the whole school community engages with contacting this number if required.

### PCRs and LFTs

We have had a few cases when children have developed symptoms of Covid-19 and then been sent into school following a negative Lateral Flow Test result. This should not happen. Lateral Flow Tests are to be used for people who are asymptomatic and are not suitable for children under 11. If a child has symptoms, they should be tested with a PCR test and only sent to school when a negative result is obtained.

### 1C and 6R

Following the end of her period of shielding, I am pleased to report that Miss Raithby will be taking 6R after the Easter holidays. Unfortunately, Miss Clarke's ill health is continuing and we do not expect to see her in the first week after Easter. Miss Stephenson, who has been teaching 1C so effectively, will be taking up a summer term teaching position at Round Hill Primary. We thank Miss Stephenson for all of her efforts throughout the whole term. We have been able to secure the services of Mrs Jones for 1C after Easter. She is an experienced teacher, previously known to BHPS, and will be able to take 1C for 5 days a week until Miss Clarke returns. We are trying to secure as much continuity and consistency for 1C as we can, in a difficult situation.

### End of the School Day

As the weather improves, we would like to remind you that children should be going straight home at the end of the school day. We have had one or two problems with some families staying behind for chats and some unsupervised children in yrs 5 and 6 congregating in groups. Children should not be playing on the field at the end of the day and we will be making it quite clear that they should go **straight home**.

### NUT FREE SCHOOL

Following children bringing Nutella and Peanuts into school recently, can we respectfully remind you that, for the safety of all pupils, BHPS has to be a NUT FREE ZONE. This is potentially life threatening for some of our pupils so please do not send your child to school with any foods that contain nuts.

### A Good Break

4<sup>th</sup> January, when schools were open for 1 day before the lockdown, now seems a long time ago. However, that was the start of this current school term. We therefore hope that pupils, staff and parents all have a good, relaxing break this Easter. Whether you are putting your feet up, playing golf or just getting a haircut, we hope that you stay safe and have a well-deserved break. Take care.

## Dates

### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> Last day of Spring term
- 2<sup>nd</sup> First day of Easter holiday
- 19<sup>th</sup> First day of Summer term

### May

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bank holiday
- 12<sup>th</sup> Last day of yr 4 swimming
- 19<sup>th</sup> Yr 3 start swimming sessions
- 31<sup>st</sup> Start of half term holiday

### June

- 7<sup>th</sup> Children return to school

### July

- 5<sup>th</sup> INSET day
- 16<sup>th</sup> End of year reports to parents
- 27<sup>th</sup> Last day of term for children
- 28<sup>th</sup> INSET day

Yours faithfully,



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