



Bude Primary Academy

Head of School – Mrs Sarah Robinson

Friday 22nd January 2021

Well done everyone – it's been a very eventful week.

Home learning

Please visit our home learning page on the website if you are having difficulties logging on. You will also find a link through which you can request a mobile data allowance increase from your internet provider to support online learning.

Remember we really would like your child(ren) to complete the maths, reading, writing and spelling each day as this will help them when they do return to school. However, I am also aware how difficult home learning is and we trust you to make the right decisions for your child(ren). We do have to check which pupils are engaging with home learning and teachers are on hand in the afternoons to offer support.

Sadly, Mrs Mayhew will be off school until February half term as she is poorly but Mr Osborne, Ms Putnam and Mrs Whelan are working hard to ensure work is provided and checked for those pupils in Northcott. They may also give you a ring from time to time. We all wish Mrs Mayhew a speedy recovery.

Devices

We have distributed a number of laptops this week so hopefully those of you who have been struggling due to limited access to the home learning, will now have access. (You will be required to return these devices when the school re-opens). We are aware that we have not spoken to all our families, if you are struggling but have not made contact with us yet, please do! We want to help you! A big thank you to Mrs Smeeth and Mrs Banks for all their extra efforts this week. Mrs Smeeth went to great lengths and distances to ensure we got our allocation of laptops as soon as we could.

TEAMS online lessons

Some of our classes have started some TEAMS sessions with their class and their home learners. This is something we want to increase as time goes on. We hope those of you who were able to participate, enjoyed seeing your friends and class team! Please let us know what you thought.

We feel this face to face link is really important to maintain contact for the children with each other and staff. We feel this will support everyone's wellbeing and remind us we are all there for each other. Thank you in advance for your support with this. This

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is new to us all so please continue to be as supportive and patient as you can if technical issues occur.

Any live interaction using video calling has safeguarding implications and rules for keeping everyone safe must be followed. Parents please read the safeguarding guide attached with this letter before joining a TEAMS call with your child's teacher and ensure you have all of the things in place at home to ensure safeguarding protocol is followed.

Assemblies

I am up and running with my Monday and Friday assemblies now – there always seems to be some technical hitch but fingers crossed all will go well from now on . I hope you are enjoying watching them on Google classroom or via the school website. I always look forward to seeing all the work that is being done in school and at home. Keep an eye out for something that you have sent in during the Friday Celebration Assembly each week.

School Meals

Next week (based on week 3) will be as follows:

Monday – Macaroni Cheese

Tuesday – Spaghetti Bolognese or Vegetarian Spaghetti Bolognese

Wednesday – Roast Chicken or Quorn Roast

Thursday – Chicken Enchiladas or Bean Enchiladas & rice

Friday – Fishcake or Vegan Sausage Puff & chips

The option of a Jacket Potato with cheese/beans/tuna is also available every day.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Vouchers for weeks beginning 4th January and 11th January, have been backdated and sent to you via Wonde, from the Aspire Admin Team. From this week, week commencing 18th January, the school will be issuing the FSM vouchers via Eden Red. The value of the voucher depends on the number of days your child has been offered a meal in school (as some children are in some of the days) and this is having to be calculated each week.

We will therefore only be able to order the vouchers on a Friday. This means your voucher for week beginning 18th January should be with you on Monday 25th January, and effectively you will always be a week in arrears.

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Unfortunately we did not receive a response from every family confirming their email address so if you do not receive your voucher, this could be that we do not have the correct email address for you.

As with anything IT based – we hope that the issuing of vouchers goes smoothly and you receive your vouchers promptly. However, we ask for your patience in case there is a delay.

Lateral Flow Testing

As you may be aware the government has now begun to roll out the next phase of their COVID testing plan which includes all staff working in primary and nursery education being offered the opportunity to take part in regular asymptomatic testing. There is a separate letter attached to this bulletin from Vanessa Bragg, CEO of Aspire, explaining this in more detail.

Reminders from the office:

- Please can you clear any outstanding Parent Pay debts from last term.
- Please check you can access your child's details via the Arbor app and update any medical/contact details.

Stay Safe

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