

Bude Primary Academy Head of School – Mrs Sarah Robinson

Friday 29th January 2021

Well done everyone: we made it through another week!

Home learning

Most of you are now managing the online learning. Please visit our home learning page on the website if you are having difficulties. 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.

Response to Parent Survey

Many thanks to all those parents who took part in our Parent Survey. It was extremely rewarding reading all the positive messages of thanks and appreciation in the notes section. It is also really important to address some of the concerns you raised. For example

- Online live lessons....
- Missing friends...

I will carry out a full evaluation of the responses and let you know of any actions we will take.

No screens day Wednesday

In celebration of positive mental health week, we will be putting together some activities that can be done on Wednesday without the use of a screen. The usual google classroom learning will be on hold for this day. We do still want to see pictures of what you get up to so please post these later in the week. More information will follow on Monday.

TEAMS online lessons

Teachers 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!

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The feedback from the teachers has also been great and they have loved doing them. There will be further information next week on how we plan to move forward with these.

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.

INSET and half term.

Aspire academies will be closed to ALL pupils, including critical workers/vulnerable pupils, on Friday 12th February for a planned Trust INSET staff training day. INSET days are established diary dates in any given academic year and the Trust has retained this date to ensure professional development and teaching & learning best practice continues across all our academies. Academies will then remain closed to ALL pupils from w/c 15th February for half term and will reopen to critical worker/vulnerable pupils on Monday 22nd February. Eligible Free School Meals families will receive a Wonde voucher to cover the half term period. Your child(ren)'s academy will be in contact. We hope you have a restful week's break - stay safe everybody.

Parking

A polite request for considerate parking outside school. For those of you dropping off I know it is horrible in the rain but please consider how your actions affect others. Use the car park and spaces provided and drive responsibly as this helps to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

Assemblies

I hope you are enjoying watching my Monday and Friday assemblies on Google classroom or via the school website and are taking part in my riddles and challenges (I have managed 2 golf balls so far!) I always look forward to seeing all the work that is being done in school and at home during the Friday Celebration Assembly – you are producing some great work!

School Meals

Next week (based on week 1) will be as follows: **Monday** – Bangers or Vegetarian Bangers and Mash

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Tuesday – Pasta, Salad and Garlic Bread
Wednesday – Roast Chicken or Quorn Roast
Thursday – Beef Burger or Vegetarian Burger and Potato Wedges
Friday – Fish cake or Quorn Dippers and 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.

Last week's vouchers, for week beginning 18th January, should have now been received by families via Eden Red.

Remember - 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 25th January should be with you on Monday 1st February, and effectively you will always be a week in arrears.

We hope you receive your vouchers promptly, however, we ask for your patience in case there is a delay. If you are yet to receive a voucher and should have done, please contact Mrs Smeeth on steph.smeeth@budeprimary.org

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.

Other items:

We have a letter from South West Water who are doing some work along the footpath between School and Morrisons. Please have a read of this if you will be affected.

Stay Safe

Mrs Robinson Head of School

