



Newsletter



Spring 2

Message from Miss Nock

Welcome to our first half termly newsletter. I hope all our families had a restful, fun and healthy half term.

As you will be aware, the government guidance around Covid-19 has changed again. The full guidance can be viewed at [COVID-19 Response: Living with COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk). We will be asking parents to adhere to this guidance and ensure that children if children have Covid-19 symptoms, they are tested and kept away from school if positive.

If cases remain low over the next couple of weeks, we hope to be able to start inviting parents back into school again to join in with our learning. We have missed having you in the building with us!

MCAS

The MCAS (My Child At School) app is now used for all payments and permission slips. If you need help with how to access this, please contact the office staff, who will be pleased to help.



Attendance – 90.2%

Unfortunately, due to the rise in Covid cases since Christmas, our attendance figure is lower than what we usually expect. We are hoping with the number of cases now falling, we can improve this next half term.

Well done to **3P** who are the attendance winners for this half term, with 92.37%

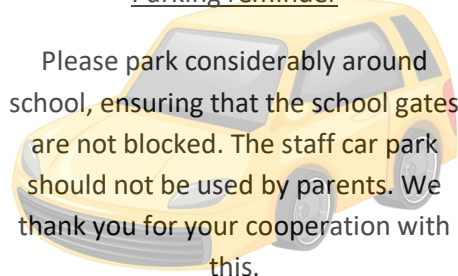
They will be rewarded with an afternoon off timetable! Well done!



For more information about attendance in school, please see the 'Attendance Newsletter'.

Parking reminder

Please park considerably around school, ensuring that the school gates are not blocked. The staff car park should not be used by parents. We thank you for your cooperation with this.



Dates for your diary

3rd March – World Book Day
Week beginning 14th March—Science week
18th March – Red Nose Day
Week beginning 21st March—Shakespeare week
7th April – Easter egg decorating competition
8th April—Break up for Easter
25th April – Inset Day
26th April - Children return to school

Food Bank

We understand that times may be very difficult for some of our families, particularly at the moment. We also understand that asking for help can sometimes be daunting. We are, however, able to issue foodbank vouchers discreetly to any families who feel they need them. If parents feel they need this support, they should either come into school and speak to Sarah, or simply call or text the school mobile on 07936360610.

The Bloxwich and Blakenall foodbank operates:
Mondays, St Peter's Parish Hall, Bloxwich, WS3 3LA, 10am-12 noon
Thursdays, Blakenall Village Centre, Thames Road, WS3 1LZ, 11am-1pm

Statutory Assessments

Year 1—phonic check— week commencing 6th June

Year 2—reading and maths assessments—May

Year 4—Multiplication tables check—June

Year 6— reading, maths and grammar, punctuation and spelling assessments— week commencing 9th May

Playground

We are pleased to announce that we are in the process of finalising plans to have the playground revamped. As you know, we closed off the equipment due to health and safety reasons, at the start of the year. We have been busy behind the scenes planning the new equipment and look forward to this being installed over the coming months.

Mental Health week

During the week beginning 7th February, we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week. Children were encouraged to consider how they have grown and how they can look forward and understand how they can continue to grow and aspire. The children created wonderful portraits showing themselves now and who they aspire to be in the future. In addition, many children wrote the most incredible letters to their future selves, which will be sent up with them as the move to the next year groups allowing them to reflect on and add to each year.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 8th February, we celebrated Safer Internet Day, with a theme of 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. The children listened to an assembly and spent the afternoon completing activities to develop their understanding. We continue to educate our children about staying safe online throughout the year. If you would like any further information to keep your children safe online at home, please contact Mrs McGee, who will be happy to help.

Times Table Rockstars and Numbots

All children in school have a log in for Numbots in KS1 and Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) in KS2.

Please encourage your child to log on at home as much as possible as it will really help improve their recall speed. If you need a log in, please contact your child's teacher.

Contact us

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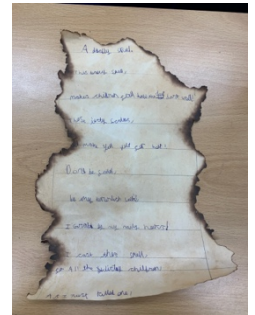
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Home Learning

We are really impressed with the home learning that we have received over the last few weeks, thank you for supporting your children with this. Look out for a post on Class Dojo after half term for the Spring 2 home learning ideas. This will also be uploaded to our school website.



Jaime – 4OH



Ricky – 4OH



Vinnie – 3O



Taylor – 1C



Oliwia – 1C



Azana – 1C

Year 2 – Writing books

The children in Y2 worked incredibly hard this half term, writing their own versions of Fantastic Mr Fox, called 'Brilliant Mr Badger'. They wrote 5 chapters, created a front cover and blurb, as well as adding illustrations. Once they had finished writing them, they visited Year 1 and read them their stories. Well Done Year 2, what superstar writers we have!

