



St Peter's CE Primary School

Bratton

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed half-term and that the children managed to get some rest.

We now enter another complex and difficult time for everyone at the start of a new lockdown. It's a troubling time for everyone and I know that many of you are feeling the effects of this.

I have various updates and reminders this week, which I want to draw your attention to.

Best wishes,

Mark Davis

Head Teacher

## **Coronavirus isolation rules:**

A reminder for everyone that if a member of your household is displaying symptoms of coronavirus or waiting for a coronavirus test, other members of the household must self-isolate until a negative result has been received. We have had incidences of this advice not initially being followed, which if a positive test result had been received would have resulted in us closing school bubbles. Fortunately, this did not happen!

Children must not come to school if:

- Someone in the household is waiting for a test
- They need to self-isolate because a member of the household or a contact has tested positive
- You have been told by Public Health for your child to isolate

If in doubt over what to do, please contact the school office for advice.

If your child is self-isolating and you are entitled to Free School Meals (not the universal free school meals that all of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to) please let us know when you report your child's absence. We can then arrange for a lunch pack to be delivered to you.

## **Updated DFE Guidance and LA advice:**

We received updated DFE guidance on Wednesday night, regarding the way schools are affected by the month-long lock down, which began on Thursday. We had already anticipated much of what was contained in it. In the last lock down, we had a number of staff who needed to be absent from school due to medical conditions. The requirements are not as strict this time, but it does mean that two members of our teaching team cannot be in school while those requirements are in force. I have already written to parents of 6O2 to explain that Mrs Williams will be working

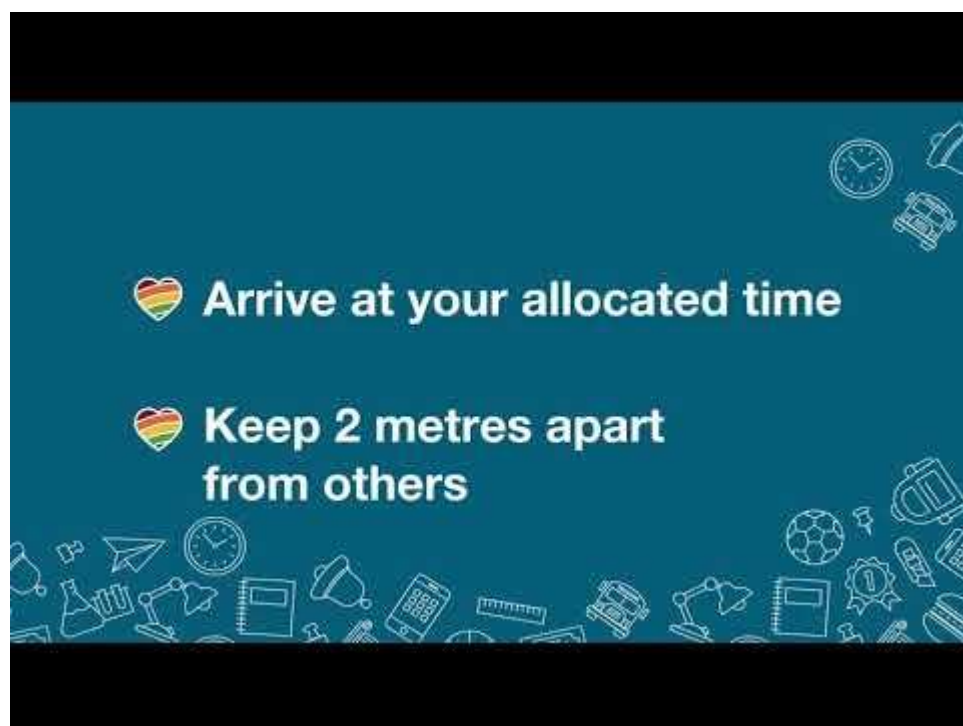
remotely, how we are managing that and the contact information to use. The other member of staff is Mrs Martin, Deputy Head Teacher. Mrs Martin will also be working remotely during this time and we'll tweak what members of the leadership team do to make this work for us. Parents can still make contact with Mrs Martin via the school office. Both Mrs Martin and Mrs Williams remain very much part of the school team, although they will be working remotely.

### **Drop off and Collection:**

The Local Authority have asked that parents wear face masks at drop off and pick up times. We introduced this a couple of weeks ago now and I thank all those who are following this and the one way system. Both measures and the request to socially distance are there for your protection.

We have an increasing problem with children being allowed to run off from their parents once they have been collected. Children need to be kept with you, not allowed to go off. We work really hard to keep children in their separate bubbles throughout the school day and children should not be mixing outside their household bubbles and school bubble, unless part of a child care support bubble or other authorised scenario such as elite sport.

Telford and Wrekin Council have updated their school collection video. You can also find this on our Twitter feed (on school website).



### **Remembrance:**

It is Remembrance Sunday this Sunday. Normally we would sell poppies – we normally have a box from the Royal British Legion. However, it hasn't arrived this year and so we haven't been able to offer them. We are going to be doing a whole school act of remembrance over TEAMS on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>. I know many people use the sale at school to donate to the Poppy Appeal. You able to donate on their website instead, which is: [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk)

### **Parking and Driver behaviour:**

We've had complaints from the community this week about driver behaviour of certain school parents. We know it's school parents because the children with them are in school jumpers. Please can all parents help our relationship with our local community by behaving in an appropriate manner? Thank you.

### **Flu Vaccines:**

Flu vaccines for children are taking place at school on 24<sup>th</sup> November. Consent forms and information leaflets are coming out to you today. Please return these by next Friday.

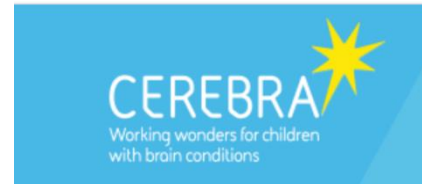
### **Operation Christmas Child:**

Thank you for all the boxes that have arrived in school. OCC have changed their collection schedule due to lockdown and our boxes will now be collected week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> December. So, if anyone does want to contribute anything further, please bring those in to school by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

## UPDATES AND INFORMATION

### SEND and Internet Safety

Please find attached to this week's newsletter a leaflet for parents about supporting children with SEND and internet safety. This leaflet was produced by Cerebra. Cerebra are a charity who help children and young people with brain conditions that result in complex medical, educational, and social needs.



For more information please follow this link.

<https://cerebra.org.uk/>

Many thanks,

Miss Plowman



# Drive-Thru Foodbank Donation Day

Saturday 7th November 10-2  
Admaston Playing Fields Car Park  
(Corner of Wellington Rd and Pemberton Rd)

Drive in, pop your boot, drive out  
Helping others from the safety of your car



## UPDATES FROM THE CLASSES

### Peter Thorpe Artwork



Before half term 5O2 studied the artwork of the artist Peter Thorpe. They learnt about his style of art and examined some of his paintings. Following this they planned their own piece inspired by his artwork and over a number of sessions they painted their own abstract space paintings. Once these had been completed, we emailed these to the artist himself and received the wonderful reply below.

His reply really amazed and inspired the children. Some of the children's pictures are also below for you to see.

Thank you so much for sharing these wonderful paintings with me. It is quite an honour to have inspired your students, and I love what they have done. Each and every one of these paintings show expressive use of paint and design. I see several approaches to paint application, such as dabbing, brushing and spraying. That is very good. I also like the variety of elements used, such as rockets, planets, moons, stars, and even buildings. And the energetic approach to each one speaks well of their enthusiasm.

I have often hoped to inspire young folk with the idea of space exploration and living in space, because it is for their generation to make such a thing a reality. But I find by looking at your students' paintings that I have perhaps also inspired them to be artists. There are areas in each of these pieces that look quite sophisticated artistically. Artistic expression is very important whatever your journey in life. And painting is of course only one way to express...there are many others including writing, sculpture, dance, music, photography, etc. For me, since I was very young it has been painting and music, but we should all learn how to express ourselves in whatever ways that work for us. Again, I see so much expression in these paintings that I feel they are made by artists as well as fans of space.

Thanks again for letting me see these lovely paintings!

Peter



# BARVEMBER

This year 5O2 are taking part in Barvember. This event takes place every year in November and is run by White Rose Maths. The aim is to enable children to become more confident using bar models as a method of seeing problems. Each day new questions are released and the children have a go at solving one using their bar modelling skills. This year it started on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Annabelle was the first person to solve it and we shared her success on Twitter. Each day White Rose choose winner and Annabelle was chosen as a winner on the first day. The whole class is having great fun trying to solve the questions each day and throughout #Barvember2020 we will be sharing our daily successes on our school Twitter account.



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5O2 have loved day one of #barvember2020. Annabelle was the first person to solve the question today. We are looking forward to tomorrow @WhiteRoseMaths



## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November to Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Operation Christmas Child Donations into school
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term starts