



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

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Dear Parents,

I hope you had a good Easter and you and your children are all keeping well and staying safe at home during the lockdown.

I know many of you are anxious about schools being closed and the pressure home schooling can bring. Please do not get stressed about your child's learning. It does not matter if you are unable to complete every single activity that teachers have provided for them to complete. All we ask is that you do the best you can during a very difficult time. We need to see this current time as a slight detour on children's education journeys and I can assure you that they will all still reach their desired destinations.

There has been a lot of speculation in the media about when schools in England will reopen. Headteachers receive no more information about this than the general public and the first we hear about any developments are during the daily Government briefings. The speculated opening dates mentioned in a Sunday newspaper were quickly dismissed by the Government. The Department for Education issued the following statement, 'No decision has been made on a timetable for re-opening schools. Schools remain closed until further notice, except for children of critical workers and the most vulnerable children. Schools will only re-open when the scientific advice indicates it is the right time to do so'. As soon as we know when Brookside will reopen we will let you know.

Home Learning Resources

BBC Bitesize Daily will deliver a tailored day of learning across BBC iPlayer, Red Button, BBC Bitesize website and app, BBC Four and BBC Sounds, with curriculum relevant offers across the UK. Together, this comprehensive package is aimed at minimising disruption to children's education and providing rhythm and routine in these challenging times.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Virtual Headteacher's Awards

All teachers have been really impressed with the learning going on at home. A big 'well done' to everyone who is working hard at home - please keep sending emails telling us how you are getting on. The following children have been awarded a virtual headteacher's award.



Mrs Cooper would like to nominate Evan, Alice and Jaydon for their work and has been very impressed.

Mr Verschoyle was really pleased with Elizabeth's storytelling video where Elizabeth retells the story from memory, with props and different voices, moving round her garden from scene to scene.

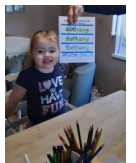
Mr Simpson would like to nominate Aurora Holding for voice recording her commentator writing task about a home baking competition - move over Clive Tyldesley.

Mrs Davies said Matilda Wyatt's Jack and the Beanstalk video was excellent and Lena Freeman for consistently smiling and trying her best at home with her Mum.

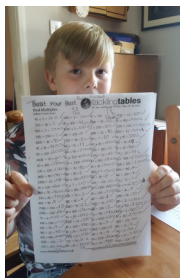
Miss Mooney and Mrs Smith have chosen Joshua for producing a superb newspaper report imagining a future where renewable energy has replaced fossil fuels. They would also like to nominate the following people for showing resilience and determination: Zoe for practising her cycling skills to perfect signalling before making a turn, Mason for working hard to improve his maths until he achieved 100% in an online test and Jack for being intent on successfully completing the tackling tables multiples test.

Miss Carter has nominated Jameel for great cooperation with his Mum in baking a magnificent cake! And also Bethany for great resilience when working really hard at her name writing.

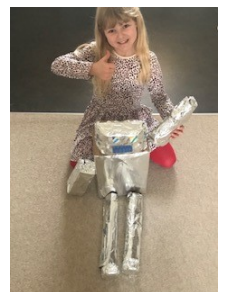
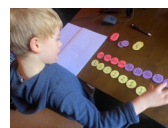
Miss Lewis has chosen Alfie for showing resilience when reading a story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff.' Also, John Paul for showing good concentration when producing some very neat writing whilst writing thank you letters, based around the story of 'Dear Postman'.



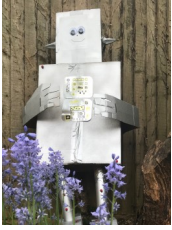
Miss Wise has chosen Robyn and Cali a headteacher's award this week; both of these girls have regularly kept in touch via the Y3/4 email address and Miss Wise has been really impressed with the quality of the work that they have produced so far!



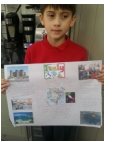
Robyn has been working so hard at home over the past few weeks especially on her writing. Miss Wise said it has been great to hear from Cali most days and her enthusiasm for learning has been really inspiring! I have enjoyed seeing Cali embracing learning opportunities across the curriculum and creating many wonderful pieces of work using her imagination. Keep up the hard work.



Mrs Duncan has been impressed with the effort the children in Class LD are putting into their learning at home. This week, Mrs Duncan would like to nominate Samuel for a headteacher's award as he has shown great determination and resilience to complete lots of work at home. Not only that, his work is of a consistently high standard demonstrating lots of concentration too. Well done Samuel, keep up the good work.



There is no doubt that Class FH are working really hard at home – well done to all of you! However, this week Mr Harrison would like to nominate Abby and Seb. Abby has been putting in so much effort to improve her recall of times table facts both in school and at home. During the TT Rockstars competition, she was one of the highest scoring girls in the whole school and this practise has obviously paid off as she has now scored 99 out of 100 on her times table test. We have seen lots of work from Seb during the school closure. He made an amazing Iron Man who is now a statue in his garden.



Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside

Oxford Hospitals Charity

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1175809

CALLING ALL HOME HEROES!

We need YOU to join the #TwoPointSixChallenge and help raise funds for our amazing NHS.

If you have been inspired by the phenomenal Captain Tom Moore, why not follow in his footsteps and join us on Sunday 26th April in hopping, walking, jogging or running two miles to raise crucial funds for Oxford Hospitals Charity.

We are the charity that supports the wards and departments across the John Radcliffe, Churchill Hospital, Horton General, Oxford Children's Hospital and Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre.

The #TwoPointSixChallenge couldn't be simpler! Once you have completed your miles, whether in your home, your garden or during your exercise time, simply make a £3 donation and nominate six of your friends or family to take part.

As long as you are following government guidelines, the choice of where and when you do your two miles is up to you!

Your four simple steps to success:

Walk, hop, jog or run two miles.

Make a £3 donation via our website.

Post your activity on social media using #OxfordHospitalsCharityHeroes

Encourage six friends to take part!

This weekend would have been the London Marathon, the biggest one day fundraising event in the world. Each year, our fabulous runners raise over £20,000 for our hospitals. Their run has been postponed until October but your miles start now! Together, we can make a difference for local NHS staff and patients.

We want the whole of Oxfordshire together celebrating our fabulous hospitals. So don't forget to share your photos! We are on Facebook and Instagram and on Twitter [@OxHospCharity](#)

For more information or to make your donation [visit www.hospitalcharity.co.uk/twopointsixchallenge](http://www.hospitalcharity.co.uk/twopointsixchallenge)

Two miles, Three pounds, Six Friends. Are you in?

Advice for parents during coronavirus

Whilst coronavirus is infectious to children it is rarely serious. If your child is unwell it is likely to be a non-coronavirus illness, rather than coronavirus itself.

Whilst it is extremely important to follow Government advice to stay at home during this period, it can be confusing to know what to do when your child is unwell or injured. Remember that NHS 111, GPs and hospitals are still providing the same safe care that they have always done. Here is some advice to help:



RED

If your child has any of the following:

- Becomes pale, mottled and feels abnormally cold to the touch
- Has pauses in their breathing (apnoeas), has an irregular breathing pattern or starts **grunting**
- Severe difficulty in breathing becoming agitated or unresponsive
- Is going blue round the lips
- Has a fit/seizure
- Becomes extremely distressed (crying inconsolably despite distraction), confused, very lethargic (difficult to wake) or unresponsive
- Develops a rash that does not disappear with pressure (the 'Glass test')
- Has testicular pain, especially in teenage boys

You need urgent help:

Go to the nearest A&E department
or phone 999



AMBER

If your child has any of the following:

- Is finding it hard to breathe including drawing in of the muscles below their lower ribs, at their neck or between their ribs (**recession**) or **head bobbing**
- Seems dehydrated (dry mouth, sunken eyes, no tears, drowsy or passing less urine than usual)
- Is becoming drowsy (excessively sleepy) or irritable (unable to settle them with toys, TV, food or picking up) - especially if they remain drowsy or irritable despite their fever coming down
- Has extreme shivering or complains of muscle pain
- Babies under 3 months of age with a temperature above 38°C / 100.4°F
- Infants 3-6 months of age with a temperature above 39°C / 102.2°F
- For all infants and children with a fever above 38°C for more than 5 days.
- Is getting worse or if you are worried
- Has persistent vomiting and/or persistent severe abdominal pain
- Has blood in their poo or wee
- Any limb injury causing reduced movement, persistent pain or head injury causing persistent crying or drowsiness

You need to contact a doctor or nurse today.

Please ring your GP surgery or call
NHS 111 - dial 111

The NHS is working for you.
However, we recognise during the current coronavirus crisis at peak times, access to a health care professional may be delayed. If symptoms persist for 4 hours or more and you have not been able to speak to either a GP or 111, then take your child to the nearest A&E



GREEN

If none of the above features are present

- You can continue to provide your child care at home. Information is also available on NHS Choices
- Additional **advice** is available to families for coping with crying of well babies **ICON**
- Additional **advice** is available for children with complex health needs and disabilities.

Self care

Continue providing your child's care at home. If you are still concerned about your child, call NHS 111 - dial 111

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