



School Reopening

So this week we learnt that school will not open until 8th March. This uncertainty is no doubt creating additional stress, anxiety and frustration in many homes. We feel the same. I know many of the staff here have similar concerns for their own children. Remember, families across the country are in the same boat and we can only do our best with what we have.

On page 2 of this newsletter, we share how we will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. If you are concerned about your child's mental health please reach out to us so we can support you. Do not go through it alone.

We have also included some advice and guidance about parent's well-being and mental health. It can be very easy to compare yourself with others, to be your own worst critic and to only see what hasn't gone well that day. Please don't do this. You are doing a great job. You are doing enough. If your child is struggling with school work, let us know and we will endeavour to resolve the situation. Please do not add to your already extensive roles. If your child only completes one task and reads, that is OK; start the next day afresh. We know our pupils are happy and safe at home and that is the priority. Be kind to yourself and take time to look after yourself. Remember we are here if you need to talk (about anything!).

Now, more than ever, parenting is about doing the best we can, with what we have.



"This storm is making me tired," said the boy
"Storms get tired too," said the horse, "so hold on."

Parent Surveys

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey. We have analysed the results and these can be found in the attached letter, along with the changes we will be making. We really do appreciate the role parents are playing in remote learning and we want to support you as best we can. Please, please do get in touch if you or your child are worried, stressed or anxious.



Worship

Reverend Sandi will be hosting a virtual children's service each month. Last Sunday, she retold the story of Noah's ark. If you have any requests please let us know and we will pass them on.

As it is Place2Be's virtual launch assembly on Monday (see the next page), our Collective Worship will be posted on Tuesday and we will be celebrating Candlemas.



Testing

This week staff have started twice weekly testing. This will help to identify asymptomatic staff and therefore help to keep our community as safe as possible. In the event a staff member tests positive, they will have to go to have a PCR covid test and their bubble will be closed until they receive confirmation of this result. As tests are conducted in the morning, this may mean bubbles are closed between 7-8:30am so we advise parents to check their e-mails before leaving for school.



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Matthew 20: 36-40





Mental Health

Next week is Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week. Throughout the week, staff will be adding activities and resources to support good mental health. We have also included an information booklet for parents with this e-mail

On Monday, there be a live launch assembly and staff will share this via Showbie.

On Friday, we ask children (both at home and at school) to 'Dress to Express.' So they might want to wear something colourful or fun that makes them happy. Parents, why not join in too!



The BBC have published a video outlining tips from Educational Psychologist Abigail Wright to help parents keep their children's mental health on track.



We are also aware of the strain the lockdown is putting on family life and this may affecting parents' well-being and mental health. These websites have some really good

advise for parents:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus/parenting-during-coronavirus-outbreak>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/parents-tips-for-looking-after-yourself-in-lockdown/>

Times Table Rock Stars



Next week will be a battle between the Holmes Chapel schools. Good luck!

Staffing

Next week Miss Wellings, Mrs Pirie, Mr Collier and Mrs Tice will be in school supporting key worker and vulnerable pupils. They will endeavour to respond to Showbie as frequently as possible but please be mindful they will be fulfilling two roles.

Competition Folders

We have added a Competition Folder to every year groups Showbie accounts. These are entirely optional but we thought they might be nice if children required more work.



Royal Shakespeare Company Performances

Today's performance is Macbeth and KS2 should have received an e-mail with the link. Please use link below to <https://www.rsc.org.uk/education/schools-broadcasts/tales-from-shakespeare>



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Video Calls on Showbie

Following on from our Remote Learning survey, next week we will be trialling daily video calls, Monday-Thursday, when staff are working from home.

Calls can be accessed from the **Class Discussion** board. Children do not need to go to groups or enter a code.

To allow all children onto the call, **cameras must be turned off.**

Next week Mrs Pullé, Mrs Lindersen, Mrs Saunders, Mr McAulay and Mrs Wood will be working from home so they will begin the trial.

	Afternoon Call
Year 1	2:30pm
Year 2	2:30pm
Year 4	2:45pm
Year 5	2:45pm

Staff will endeavour to record this sessions so they can be shared.

The afternoon session will be a story. Please note that these are not live lessons; staff will continue to use recorded videos to deliver lessons. So please do not worry if your child is unable to attend.

After the trial, we will analyse what has gone well and the impact they have had.

Staff will continue to hold their Friday video calls in the same way to ensure they have small groups and can spend time with each child.

RSPB Bird Watch

Mr Simmons would love for all of the children to take part in the RSPB's Great British Birdwatch this weekend. He



has sent the children a video and all of the information they need via Showbie.

Draw with Rob Competition

This fantastic competition challenges children to design a race suit for Envision Virgin Racing. It also has a lovely drawing tutorial. We have added it to the competition folder on Showbie.

<https://envisionvirginracing.com/drawwithrob>



Brereton Bears

From next week, Brereton Bears will be based in School House whilst work in the hall is completed. Please use the Preschool gate to drop off and pick-up.



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THINK U KNOW

Welcome to Thinkuknow

Thinkuknow is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline.

Explore one of the six Thinkuknow websites for advice about staying safe when you're on a phone, tablet or computer.

Are you...

4-7?	8-10?	Parent/Carer?
11-13?	14+?	Children's workforce?

The Brereton Food Pantry

For giving and receiving

Opening times
2 - 4pm
Tuesday & Thursday

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Brereton
CW11 1RY

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NHS
Cheshire and Wirral Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

Out of Hours Advice Line Children & Young People
Wirral & Cheshire Wide

Are you an adult working with a young person and concerned about their mental health? Talk to us!

Are you worried about your child's mental health? Talk to us!

Are you a child & worried about your mental health? You can ring us too!

5pm - 10pm Mon to Fri
12pm - 8pm Weekends

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