



5th June, 2020

Dear parents and carers,

It was lovely to welcome back more children into school this week, and the building has been full of laughter and smiles as children are seeing their friends and teachers again. The stringent protective measures that are in place are running smoothly, and I would like to thank everyone for enabling this to happen, as well as for your understanding when following the new organisational structures at the start and end of each day.

The children have been having lots of fun in school this week in their own bubbles! In Reception, they have been learning all about 'Under the Sea' and the room is full of colourful jellyfish, octopuses, turtles, fish and other sea creatures. They have been reading Tiddler and writing some fantastic sentences about his many tall tales! In Year 1, they have been exploring dinosaurs, and I have been hearing all about t-rexes, pterodactyls, and all sorts of other prehistoric beasts. The children in these year groups are also enjoying taking part in their daily RWI lessons. In the key worker group, they have been carrying out learning linked to their year group topics - there have been messages in bottles, water artwork in the style of Monet and Anne Wilson, cross-stitches linked to RE, and some wonderful water poetry. I particularly enjoyed these very effective poetic phrases: 'whispering waters' and 'acrobatic dolphins' from Jasmine's poem, and 'beautiful waterfall of magic, sparks and dreams' from Thomas' poem. In Year 6, they have been reading *The Secret Garden*, and have been working in our own school garden, continuing with the weeding, sowing, and planting.

Please continue to let us know what you have been getting up to at home - we love seeing your photos!

This week is National Volunteers Week, and we would like to thank all of our volunteers who usually very kindly give up their time to help the children in school. Even though you can't currently come into school, we are still thinking of you and we are looking forward to welcoming you back when this is possible. One person I would like to thank in particular is Boni Reeks, who has created three amazing volumes of the children's poetry and artwork about the Dragon Tree following our Poetree Day in October. These are now in school and we look forward to sharing these with you all when school fully reopens. These books are very special and will be treasured for many years to come.

Another group of volunteers who need a special mention is our school governors. Governors are responsible for overseeing the management side of a school: strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. They enable the school to run as effectively as possible, working alongside senior leaders and supporting teachers to provide excellent education to children. We would like to thank our governors here at Brighstone for their wonderful support and advice, which is very much appreciated.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team

End of year Reports

Following DfE guidance, we will still be writing school reports this year, along with providing the opportunity for parents to speak with their child's teacher. However, as a result of the school closures, the reporting and parental consultation arrangements will be slightly amended this year. More information about this will follow in the next couple of weeks.



<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/>

Click the link to download some useful age appropriate activity packs to do with your children to keep them safe online

Why be a Volunteer?

It's not for money, it's not for fame.
It's not for any personal gain.
It's just for love of fellowman.
It's just to send a helping hand.
It's just to give a tithe of self.
That's something you can't buy with wealth.
It's not medals won with pride.
It's for that feeling deep inside.
It's that reward down in your heart.
It's that feeling that you've been a part.
Of helping others far and near,
that makes you be a Volunteer!

Author Unknown

DfE COVID-19 (Coronavirus) helpline

The Department for Education has launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education.

Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday) For the latest updates visit: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Reminders

Summer 2 Term - Monday 1st June to Tuesday 21st July

The School is open to children in Years R, 1 & 6 & Key Worker and "vulnerable" Children:

Monday to Thursday 8.25am - 2.45pm **Friday 8.25am - 1pm**. Please use the entrance on Warnes lane and queue around the field until you are able to go on to the playground to drop your child off. You will then exit the school via the New Road entrance/exit. When dropping off and collecting children please maintain 2m social distancing as much as possible and ensure you do not gather in crowds around the school grounds.

Remember: No uniform - Clean clothes everyday - Sun hats - Sun cream - Labelled drink bottle with water - Fruit for snack - Wash hands before leaving home

"I have shown you in every way, by labouring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Acts 20:35

Menu W/C 08/06

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Option 1	Sausage Roll / Mexican Vegan Roll with Wedges	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken with Rice	Fishfingers / Fish with Chips
Option 2	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato
Vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables
Dessert	Lemon & Orange Shortbread	Fruit Crumble with Custard	Fruit and Ice Cream	Fruit Sponge Cake	Oaty Cookie

Friday Family Challenge

Create a character

We would like you and your family to create a character that could be part of a football-themed story. Working together, we would like you to come up with a name, background details and the likes and dislikes of your main character.

You could think about including:



- What your character is hoping to achieve
- What is stopping them from achieving it
- How they are going to overcome those obstacles

The more details you include, the more realistic the character will become. You can then start creating a story based on that character, or you and your family can have fun coming up with a character each and then working out a story that sees them all fit together.

Head to PLPrimaryStars.com for more details. Don't forget to share your characters with us via Twitter @PLCommunities #PLPrimaryStars or by email PLPrimaryStars@premierleague.com.

