

Weekly Update

Friday 13th November

Thank you for your help in keeping the school fully open!

This week I have been amazed by the children at our school. Their positive attitudes and GREAT learning behaviours have just shone through. The learning that is happening through the school is superb and despite the lockdown we have been able to enjoy being at school and safely learning together.

We have been investing in some new online learning platforms to support learning at home, not just for now but also for the future.

Some headlines for you...

- Please sign up for Google Classroom so your child can access their home learning in the future.
- We will be sharing news of another exciting reading programme to be launched soon. We hope this will help our pupils to refine their reading skills, as being able to read well is the key to success in all areas.
- Don't forget to log in and book your parent teacher meeting session.

This technology is here to stay so please do consider how your child will be able to access their learning at home as we move towards being a 'paper free school'. There are considerable discounts currently online for Chromebooks and laptops both new and refurbished.

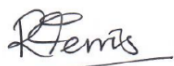
Please continue to help me keep the school OPEN! I am focussing on keeping staff and pupils safe along with ensuring the learning provision here is nothing short of excellent. I NEED YOUR HELP! Please give other parents SPACE when on the way to school and when on site.

Please remember:

- Keep 2m from other people.
- Be patient and wait for others ahead of you to move on before walking up to them.
- Keep your children with you.
- Don't arrive on site before your time.

Our collective efforts are continuing to make sure we are doing all we can to keep our community safe and I am grateful for your ongoing support. If you would like to discuss any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Keep safe,



Richard Ferris
Headteacher

Google Classroom

Google Classroom is our main platform for home learning and will also be used to communicate important information, including details about our upcoming parents' evening meetings. To avoid missing important communications, please fill out the form using this link: [Google Classroom Access Consent](#)



This **Anti-Bullying Week**
we are holding

**ODD
SOCKS
DAY**

on Monday 16th November 2020

Come to school wearing your odd socks
to celebrate what makes us all unique!

Parents' Evening

If you have not yet booked your parents' evening appointment. Please visit <https://greathollands.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book using our online system. Please note that the booking system is only available until 4.00pm on 20 November.

Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

1st Place – **Eagles (100%)**

2nd Place – Badgers & Foxes (98.6%)

3rd Place – Falcons (97.9%)



Covid-19 Updates

Please remember that the new national restrictions are in place and remain so until 2 December. This means that you must:

- Stay at home, except for specific purposes including work and volunteering, education and childcare, medical reasons and shopping for essential items.
- Avoid meeting people you do not live with, except for specific purposes.

Full up-to-date guidance on the restrictions that are currently in place are on the government website at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

In addition, please remember that if you, your child or anyone else in your household have symptoms of COVID-19 you must:

- **Not come in to school**
- **Get tested immediately**
- **Everyone in your household must stay at home.**

Tests can be arranged via the following link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Please wear a mask or face covering when coming into our main school reception and remember we only allow one household at a time in the reception area. Please queue outside the doors, maintaining a 2m distance from other families.

HM Government

NATIONAL COVID ALERT

STAY HOME

5 NOV – 2 DEC

Only leave home for food, medical reasons, exercise, education or work

You must work from home if you can

Avoid travel unless essential

Schools and essential shops will remain open

Remember: wash hands, cover face, make space

Find the latest guidance and exemptions at gov.uk/coronavirus

STAY ALERT > CONTROL THE VIRUS > SAVE LIVES

Lunchtime Controller Vacancy

We are currently looking for a new member of our lunchtime team. Full details can be found on the [Maiden Erlegh Trust website](#). Closing date for applications is Monday 16th November at 9.00am.

A Few Reminders...

There is no doubt that the weather has definitely turned colder and wetter as we progress through November. Here are a few reminders:

- Please remember to send your child in with a warm coat and that all items, including hats and gloves **must** be named. Although they may be kept in coat pockets, they can still be lost and without a name, we cannot reunite lost items with their owners.
- Even on the wettest and windiest of days, there is no parking on our school site. Please use the large public car parks nearby and do not obstruct our neighbours in Cunworth Court and Wordsworth.
- Please remember that dogs are not permitted on the school site.

Thank you again for continuing to be vigilant and making sure that we can continue to keep our school community as Covid-safe as possible.

Bracknell Forest Wellbeing Week

Bracknell Forest Libraries will be working with the Open Learning Centre and the National Careers Service to bring you the first Bracknell Forest Wellbeing Week, 16-20 November 2020. Aiming to raise awareness of wellbeing issues and empowering you to look after your own mental health. You will also be able to find out where you can get more advice and support. All Wellbeing Week events are free.

Open Learning Centre

The Open Learning Centre will be offering five workshops throughout Wellbeing Week. Places need to be booked via Eventbrite. All sessions will take place between 1.30pm-2.30pm and will be free of charge.

Monday 16 November – Improving your self-confidence

Tuesday 17 November – Dealing with change

Wednesday 18 November – Getting motivated

Thursday 19 November – Making a plan – helpful steps to move forward with a purpose

Friday 20 November – Who can help me? Signposting to organisations, training providers and courses to help you find the support you need to move forward.

Book your place via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/libraries-bracknell-forest-council-26376617855>

Wellbeing Storytime

Join us for a cheerful story time for preschool children. Spending time sharing books and stories can help parents and carers manage and support their children's wellbeing. This session is part of Bracknell Forest Wellbeing Week.

Saturday 14 November at 10.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wellbeing-story-time-tickets-126962469163>

National Careers Service

Do you need any help job searching? The National Careers Service is offering an interactive webinar to support people looking for a job, facing redundancy or unemployment. Find out how to write a winning CV and search for jobs effectively. Join the interactive webinar on Wednesday 18 November from 10.30-12.00. This session is free.

Please book your place via the National Careers Service – 0800 100 900