



Newsletter

Summer Term

8th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers ,



Happy VE Day. So many lovely pictures sent in of your celebrations so far. <https://sway.office.com/KZBDzZeOKWZGpwFB?ref=Link>



Opening : I know that there is much speculation in the press about schools opening and what this might look like for our children with the big question of when this will happen and for which yeargroups. I will communicate with you as soon as I possibly can about what this will look like **for the children at Jennett's Park.** There are many logistical and practical factors that will need careful planning before I will be able to communicate with you. Please be assured that I will be working as quickly as I can to formulate a workable plan to get our school community back together, but this will take some time. I will also be working with the local authority as well as communicating with other Bracknell Headteachers.

Bereavement– Our Family Support worker Mrs Greenwood and Educational Psychologist are here for you if you need advice. We have uploaded more advice on our page for adults including a recent video on how to deal with the subject of loss and beareavement <https://www.jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/advice-for-adults/> Do let us know if you need us. Email or call.

Maths at home

Numeracy skills are really important and in this strangest of times there are many ways you can help support your child's maths at home. Play some board games or card games with them, practice times tables, discuss shopping costs and think about totals and budgets and giving change, when cooking, look at the weights of foods or ingredients, ask your children to tell you the time or how long it will be until a particular event happens (if it's a certain amount of hours, how many minutes is that? How many seconds?) Even asking them quick fire simple mental additions and subtractions to improve speed and accuracy will all be beneficial to keeping their skills sharp.

For more formal learning, as a school we follow the White Rose schemes for our maths learning and for the last few weeks lots of you have been accessing their free online home learning work. They have now limited their website access to these resources so we have uploaded them to the home learning section of the website. Each year group from Year 1-6 has its own weekly document and the resources can be found under yeargroup pages here: <https://www.jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/year-groups/> and then under the title <https://www.jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/year-1-work/>



In addition to the White Rose resources, next week includes National Numeracy on Wednesday 13th and the National Numeracy website has a lot of free resources for home learning which can be found here: <https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/news/free-family-maths-activities-children-aged-4-11-0>

Help with maths during school closures: free activities and online resources | National Numeracy
Improve your everyday maths with the National Numeracy Challenge. Looking for something for older children and grown ups? The National Numeracy Challenge is a free website to help you check and improve your numeracy - the maths you use in daily life and at work. In March 2020 the Challenge was updated with a whole new look, a new quick check so that it only takes around ten minutes to check ...

www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk

The page also contains links to further resources and numeracy tips for older children and adults.

Virtual Choir

The first session ran on Tuesday. It was amusing and you are more than welcome to join. If you are happy to try acapella come give it a go. Some preload songs to make it easier. . It was a silly way to catch up for an hour or so! Mr Page described it as akin to a silent disco...

Two new songs this week– Rihanna’s anthemic ‘Diamonds’ and the revamped version of ‘Days like these’ by the Foo Fighters.



Both links are on the revamped Virtual Choir Page: <https://www.jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/virtual-choir/>

Let’s try again Tuesday 12th at 5pm. Not too early or too late. We might have a chance to get bandwidth...

If you want the Zoom join code please email school@ and you will be sent the joining code (same as last time). Only those who email in will be added. It’s not fair to admit strangers into the room with us. I will open the door to admit at 4:45 and close at 5:05.

Ongoing themes to send to school@ email.

Jokes.

Recipes

Work for Window Wanderland. Next week Countries but you can always enter from past weeks too

Some more fun ideas to do at home on page 3 and 4. Huge thanks to everyone who send in ideas– I try to add as many as possible but can’t always get them in the very next week.

Take care and stay safe.

Elizabeth Savage Headteacher

Fun learning ideas:



Freshwater Theatre who come into school regularly:

2020 is the year of the Nurse and Midwife. Created by the World Health Organisation, it was so-named to coincide with Florence Nightingale's bicentennial year. Florence was born 200 years ago on May 12th 1820.

For over two decades Freshwater Theatre Company has been delighted to celebrate the nursing profession with children

through Florence Nightingale interactive workshops. So, while schools are closed or have very few pupils and many children and their families remain at home, we wanted to bring a little bit of magic to your screens.

Florence has travelled through time to be with you today with a special message about handwashing! Learn more about her nursing legacy and what she thinks about the feats of NHS staff on the frontline today:

<https://youtu.be/P95HJGJcHHY>

We are inspired by and grateful for the courageous work of nurses, midwives and their fellow NHS staff during this enormously challenging time.

National Book Tokens

Your child can win a £10/€10 National Book Token for each of their classmates – and surprise them all when schools reopen!



Encourage your children to create a fabulous National Book Token design while they're learning from home, and they could return to school with National Book Tokens for all! Whether it's their school crest doodled in ink, a pencil drawing of the entire class, or something completely different, we'll choose one child's design to put on a National Book Tokens gift card every week for seven weeks.

When schools open up again, the young designer and their classmates will each receive a £10/€10 National Book Token – emblazoned with the winning artwork – to inspire them to choose their next favourite book from their local bookshop. [Details here](#)

Now Press Play

Great online stories and immersive drama experiences

As a reminder, link parents and carers can use to access the free sessions at home is below:

Link: <http://nowpressplay.co.uk/learn-at-home>

Password: nowpressplay



Fun learning ideas:

The world is in crisis. Keep Calm, Stay Wise & Be Kind.

This Meaningful May Calendar has daily actions for May 2020 to help us respond to this global crisis with a sense of purpose and meaning. Download as an [image for sharing](#) or a [PDF for printing](#). Please pass on to others * Add your details below to receive future calendars * <https://www.actionforhappiness.org/meaningful-may>



Green Box First Aid are running free sessions on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSGryV1V47te7Gn5seQtj5A>

On their website they also have corresponding worksheets & certificates for completion.

<https://www.greenboxfirstaidtraining.co.uk/first-aid-courses-for-children>



Into Film Competition

Nature in Your Neighbourhood Filmmaking Competition

We're excited to announce a new filmmaking competition, specially created to help children make the most of their time during lockdown.

Nature in Your Neighbourhood offers a fulfilling and creative project that young people aged 5 to 19 can complete within their schools or homes - plus a chance to win fantastic prizes including filmmaking equipment.

https://www.intofilm.org/competitions/16?utm_source=Into+Film+-+Master&utm_campaign=1eff19f683-home-learning-8-ah&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a1465a9b17-1eff19f683-139956017



Oxford Owl Free eBooks

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 and normally takes home the Read Write Inc reading books or ditty books, you can find many additional reading books on the Oxford Owl free eBook library.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/free-ebooks/>

Register for free on the site and then search within 'Series' for the Read Write Inc books. You will then see a wide range of RWI books for all the stages we cover at school. This includes the ditty books, the coloured reading books we send home as well as the new book bag books RWI now produce that are also available to read in all stages.

We hope you find this useful when reading at home.

Older children can still access their book bands colours.

Mrs Brain

Booklets

We know some people came to the end of their paper work booklets. We want to continue to offer posting of work on a fortnightly basis to you as parents and children. We have found a company to deliver to you for no extra cost to you. You can cancel via the school@jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk at any time (be aware booklets may have already been printed and sent). The booklets are based on work from Twinkl & Teachers pet (which is free to join at <https://tpet.co.uk/tpet-news/how-to-create-your-free-account-and-download-our-free-home-learning-resource-packs/>). We have uploaded the first 10 days for you but for copyright aren't allowed to upload more!

We do not mind if you do not want this sent- there are many families who have already accessed the online materials. This is for those families who do not have a printer or who struggle to access the online materials for any reason. Please do not ask for packs for families other than your own children or for people not in our school community. They will be politely refused. Our next round for delivery is 1st—4th May.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TMDWt0iPMk66KDUenvxjRJtfBVdIjb1EuPjZxiVxeFdUOVZSSk5CVVRNS1pHUVhKNIFINVFaVFVQSi4u>

A huge thanks to Alison Greenwood, Sarah, Emma Akers and the various other volunteers who have co-ordinated so much of the food support for our families so far.

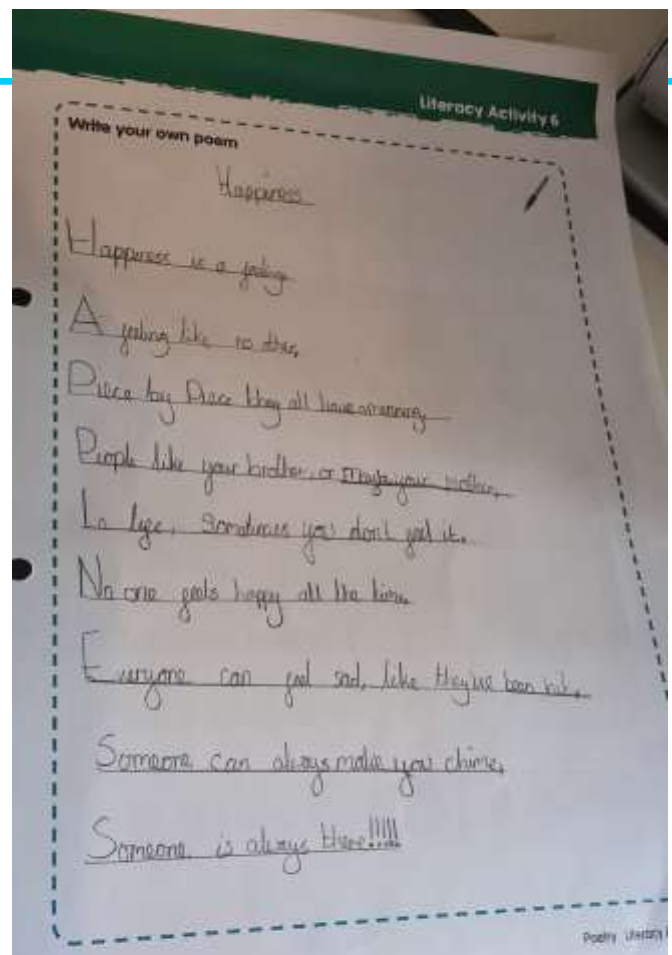
As well as the food packages provided through Harrison's, we are also trying to maintain a small 'food bank' of our own in school for families, staff and key workers. This is there for emergencies and to allow us to 'top up' or 'tide over' when needed.

We are coming to the end of the supplies donated by children on the last day of school. If anyone is able to make a food donation to help us refill this, it would be greatly appreciated. Donations will need to be long-life please, as we do not know when they will be needed or used.

Thank you to Peacock Farm who recently donated drinks to us and to Tim Findlay of Stokes Farm, Binfield who gave us eggs. Please drop any items to us at the school office, as and when you are able. Thank you so much.

Messages to the community

Lovely poem from Jasmine D'Souza to us all



Outstanding Owl and Rainbow Promise Learners

Each week children are chosen for showing Owl learning behaviours or following our Rainbow Promise.



Our Rainbow Promise underpins everything we do at school. Just as the Rainbow was a sign of God's promise to Noah that from that moment God would enable Noah and the people of the earth to flourish and experience life in all its fullness. So as a school community we promise to do our best to enable all the pupils and adults of our school to flourish academically and professionally so that they might reach their potential.

The Rainbow is also a symbol of the diversity of our school community, but as a church school we recognise that we are all created and valued by God, and so as a school community we commit to care for and value each other.

The dove symbolises our need to persevere in some aspects of life as it is not always the first time we find success. It was not the first time that Noah had tried to find dry land and so we much seek strength within ourselves and from God to achieve.

These are our Values we try to live each day



♥ Love



Honesty

/// Respect

☞ Peace

Our Owl Learning Behaviours are:

C - Collaboration

O - Optimism

P - Perseverance

P - Pride

I - Inspiration

C - Challenge

MD - Managing Distractions

☞ Forgiveness

⌚ Patience



Support

☺ Kindness & Joy



pulchritude

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breathtaking beauty



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Summer Term 2020

Start date	Not confirmed by Government yet
Half Term	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2020
End of Term	Friday 17th July 2020 1:30pm
Professional Training Days	Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2020

Term Dates 2020/2021

Autumn Term 2020	
Professional Training Days	Tuesday 1 st September 2020 Day 1
Start of Term	Wednesday 2 nd September 2020 - Children return
Professional Training Day	Friday 23 rd October 2020 Day 2
Half Term	Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October 2020
End of Term	Friday 18 th December 2020
Spring Term 2021	
Professional Training Day	Monday 4 th January 2021 Day 3
Start of Term	Tuesday 5 th January 2021
Half Term	Monday 15 th February - Friday 19 th February 2021
End of Term	Thursday 1 st April 2021
Summer Term 2021	
Professional Training Day	Monday 19 th April 2021 Day 4
Start of Term	Tuesday 20 th April 2021
Half Term	Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June 2021
End of Term	Tuesday 20 th July 2021
Professional Training Day	Wednesday 21 st July 2021 Day 5