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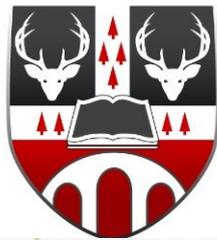
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Newsletter

Bridgtown Primary School

HAND IN HAND - BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE



Thank you!

Mrs Buzzard would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who are actively engaging in our online learning. We totally understand that it is a different way to learn, is constantly evolving and can be daunting to use

the technology (not just for parents but teachers too!). If possible, we ask that all children access at least one 'live stream' per day. We appreciate that some parents are working from home so all our lessons are recorded which can be viewed with your child later in the day.

Reception 2021.

Is your child due to start school this September?

School applications close this Friday, the 15th January. If not already completed, please complete the online application to request your child's reception place. Find further information about our reception on the school website and please contact the school office if you would like to discuss your application with Mrs Clifford.

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx



Brand New Parent Carer Forum!

Staffordshire Local area are committed to supporting our parents and carers but we understand that we need to do more which is why we're setting up a brand new parent / carer forum and we want **parents** to be involved. This forum will then **work together** with LA colleagues to make positive changes involving your children who have a special need or disability.

Helping us to do this is an organisation called 'CONTACT' (you might know them as 'Contact a Family'). We feel that by setting up these forums, it will help us to build even stronger structures and practices for our young people and will ensure parents have a voice. Parents and carers **should** be involved in shaping the processes that involve their children - so let's make it happen! If parents would like to find out more please come along to our Zoom information event.

Cannock and Lichfield: Thursday 21 January 2021, 10:00am - 12:00pm

For more information and to find out how you can be involved, please contact Catherine Ratcliffe on Catherine.ratcliffe@cafamily.org.uk who will send the link to the [Zoom meeting](#) There is also no pressure to speak if they don't want to - all they have to do for now is turn up... and we will do the rest. This is an exciting opportunity for parents/carers to work with us at the Staffordshire local area - their views are really important to us.



Free Data Increase

Are you struggling with live streaming? Does your screen keep freezing?

DfE is working in partnership with mobile network operators to help schools support disadvantaged pupils in years 3 to 11 who rely on a mobile internet connection when their face-to-face education is disrupted by coronavirus (COVID-19).

Disadvantaged families may be able to benefit from free increases to their mobile data if they're a customer of either:

- ◇ EE
- ◇ O2
- ◇ Sky Mobile
- ◇ SMARTY
- ◇ Tesco Mobile
- ◇ Three
- ◇ Virgin Mobile
- ◇ Vodafone

This scheme temporarily increases data allowances for mobile phone users on certain networks. This is so that children and young people can access remote education if their face-to-face education is disrupted.

Schools, trusts and local authorities can request mobile data increases for children and young people who meet all 3 of these criteria:

- do not have fixed broadband at home
- cannot afford additional data for their devices
- are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education

Please contact the school on office@bridgtown.staffs.sch.uk to see if you are eligible.

For each request, we need to know:

- the name of the account holder
- the number of the mobile device
- the mobile network of that device (for example Three)

Another option for increasing internet access

If increasing mobile data isn't a suitable option for some children, schools can also request 4G wireless routers. Please contact the school office who can help: office@bridgtown.staffs.sch.uk

Drop off and Collection

We must stress that when you are dropping off or collecting your child a mask **MUST** be worn. Please leave promptly after drop off / collecting and if you need to speak to your child's class teacher make an appointment at the school office.





Diary Dates:

Wednesday
10th February

Parents Evening via
phone call.

Friday 12th February
Half Term



SILVER AWARD



Farlea Childcare

If you are a keyworker and need childcare provision, Farlea Childcare is open for before & after school club. We run the wraparound childcare facility at Bridgtown Primary School for children aged two to eleven years of age. We are open from 8am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday. (This is to be reviewed at the end of January)
Contact: 07870 400592



Hampers

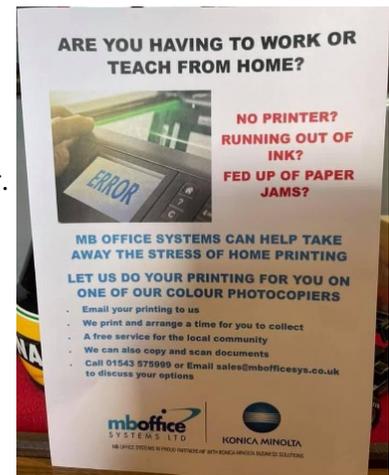


We have been out in the community delivering the food hampers that our kitchen staff have prepared. If the government announce vouchers as an alternative to the hampers, then we will look to switch.

Free printing

MB Office systems have kindly offered their services to the local community to print any school work that the children may have been set. Call or email the number below if you have any requirements:

01543 575999
sales@mbofficesys.co.uk



Class news

This week we welcome back our nursery children.

In addition we have children in school who are also adapting to a new style of teaching.

