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Brington update

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a challenging few weeks this has been. There has been a great deal of uncertainty resulting from this epidemic. It has meant that all schools across the country have had to act swiftly to implement a vast array of educational measures to ensure that all children continue to remain safe, well and happy.

The staff at Brington have been incredible. Three weeks ago, all schools were informed that there was a possibility of closure for all educational settings, so we put a contingency plan in place and prayed that the inevitable would never happen - unfortunately it did. However, in true Brington style, the team pulled together and have done their very best to ensure that learning and communication with the children continues to be strong. I'm sure you will join me in thanking them for their efforts.

Home Learning

The rationale behind our decision to implement daily learning was to provide structure and routine for those who need it during this difficult time. It has been a sheer delight to see families working together in such creative ways. I do however, want to make it clear that this provision is designed to support the children and parents in the hope that the schedules and tasks set will provide a degree of normality, in what is proving to be an extraordinary term. Therefore, please do not worry if the tasks are not all completed or if you decide to opt for some dedicated family gardening time; as long as the children are safe, happy and are spending time with their loved ones – this is what is most important.

When possible, class teachers and teaching assistants have started to upload the learning videos the night before so that parents can view the activities for the following day. We have also experienced difficulties when trying to upload some of the videos due to increased internet traffic. Unfortunately, this is something which is out of our control, but please do let your children know that the teachers will be doing everything possible to set the day's learning in good time.

Blogs

The blogging facility has been integral to the continual communication links between children and teaching staff. If your child has not yet logged on and created a blog, please ask them to do so. If you are struggling to access the facility, feel free to contact me (head@brington.cambs.sch.uk) so that we can resolve the issue. Mrs. Williams has

also created a blogging and e-safety video which may provide further assistance; these can be found on the school website class pages.

Easter Provision

We are still waiting for more detailed guidance from the Department for Education and the Local Authority, but all schools will remain open for children who have parents who are 'Critical Workers' and who are unable to work from home. When I have more information on this, I will send it out to parents.

Celebration Assembly

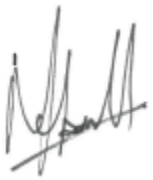
I am currently working on ways to broadcast live, virtual Celebration Assemblies. As soon as this has been finalised, I will send information to all parents and children regarding dates and times. Watch this space!

Admissions for Reception September 2020

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Admissions Team are on track to ensure that all children whose parents applied for a Reception place for September 2020 by the published deadline will receive an offer of a place on 16 April [National Offer day]. Contingency measures are in place should it not prove possible to use Council buildings for the printing and posting of letters.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their support and camaraderie during this difficult time. We will continue to do everything possible to support you and your children. If you have any concerns, questions or worries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Best wishes,



Mr Farrell
Headteacher