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**Spring Term Newsletter No.4****Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021****Messages from Mrs Eveleigh...**

Dear Parents,

Another week has rushed by already and there are now only two weeks until half-term. We have decided not to set any work over the half-term, to enable everyone to have a break - parents and children - so we need a push over the next two weeks please. Thank you for all your hard work so far both in and out of school! 😊. Just to remind children, we are expecting you to put all your home learning in the books we sent home and then when you return them to school, you can share your work with us in more detail.

I hope you have managed to see our LIVE sessions this week; it has been fantastic to see more of our children at home engaging with us in school. Thank you to Helen for our Mindfulness session on Wednesday. She will be on for the next 2 weeks, so please use the same link that you have been sent-ask for it to be re-sent if you need to.

Your child's **REMOTE HOME LEARNING TIMETABLES** for next week will be uploaded over the weekend to our websites. The work is the same for both schools.

**Keeping Healthy**

Please make sure you read the PE updates as there are some really great new ideas for keeping fit from the East Devon Sport Coordinator Kevin Moran - do please apply for your new skipping rope...he has sent 300 already! **Skipping Challenge Rope Incentive Form.** If you would like to use your PE time to complete some additional mindfulness /Yoga activities, there are some great options on **Cosmic Kids Yoga - YouTube** especially as next week is **Children's Mental Health Week** (Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February). It is important to take time for both our mental and physical health. There are also some great ideas for activities to do at home on the website link above - have a go 😊.

**Reading news** for children on the phonics phases: the Collins company from whom we purchase our phonic books linked to the teaching sequences, are offering, for a short period only, until 28<sup>th</sup> February, free access to their "connect platform". It does read the books aloud; however, you can turn the sound off for the children to read themselves. Details that we have been sent are on page 2, under BIG CAT PHONICS.

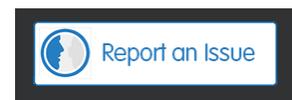
**Collective worship-Robin's latest WORSHIP** The theme is Candlemas (and Groundhog Day!) - the end of

the festive period of Epiphany. My Collective Worship are live on Fridays at 2:30pm. A link has already been sent- you can just ask for it to be a re-sent if you need to. I am exploring the theme of What is Love, based on the bible, 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13: verses 4-8.

**Technology Update**

We have refurbished a few more old laptops at WPS and so if you are struggling with your child's home learning technology, for example trying to do it on the phone, please get in contact with us, so we can add you to our laptop list. At Burlescombe, we have released more laptops too, so if you are struggling, again let us know.

On our school websites, we have a feature called Whisper. If you click this icon it leads you to an anonymous reporting tool. You can put in your email if you want me to contact you in confidence about a safeguarding concern, in school or in the community. It looks like this.



I have been chatting to children again this week and have become aware that several are playing games for children aged 12 and above, and some are watching films for much older teenagers/adults; I am not sure that all parents are aware of this and some of the online chatting content. I would recommend that you regularly check your child's on-line activities and your internet security. The website **THINK u KNOW** is excellent for children of all ages 4-14+. It helps children to have greater awareness of Internet safety. We will be sending more links as we approach Safer INTERNET Day on 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Finance Help**

Having spoken to many families, I know that several parents have been again hit financially by the lockdown. I have made a bid for some help to a local charity. Should I be successful, I will be in touch. In the meantime, if you are having serious financial issues, do please let me know personally via either of my accounts [head@webbers.devon.sch.uk](mailto:head@webbers.devon.sch.uk) OR [head@burlescombe.devon.sch.uk](mailto:head@burlescombe.devon.sch.uk). You do not need to give full details of your difficulties, then if I do get news of any support that might help, I can let you know. I can't make promises but will try my hardest to support you.

**Devon County Council (DCC) have alerted us to a Potential scam** call that a parent has received...

"The contact was made regarding a voucher scheme payment with the caller outlining that the parent would be entitled to a government grant as she was home-schooling her son. The grant was to cover additional costs such as broadband and stationery and would be issued in the form of a £100 voucher for Tesco which she could use to buy stationery. We are concerned that this is a hoax at best or a con to get bank details when the 'vouchers' don't work." Please let me know if you receive such a call- thank you.

**TVP Building news**

The scaffolding at Burlescombe should go up this week. At Webber's, the Diocese have already started measuring up for the new flat roof. I will let you know when we expect works to start.

**COVID-19 Update**

I would like to make a special request please. In the news this week, we have had nationally over 100,000 deaths with COVID and several cases locally where individuals have been very poorly. However, outside school, several of our families have been seen mixing socially together and causing great anxiety to others. This also puts our staff team and other families at a higher than necessary risk. Please, please can I ask that you follow the social distancing rules carefully and may I respectfully remind you that there are "bubble" rules to protect us all. The advice is ever changing, so to help you I have put both sets of advice at the end of our newsletter with links if you are not sure. Sadly, we have several families that have raised concerns about this.

After training this week, staff will start twice weekly LFD (lateral flow device), testing next week in our efforts to help keep everyone safe.

Please keep safe and keep smiling – you are doing well and we are proud of you all!

Kindest regards,  
  
 Deborah Eveleigh  
 Executive Head Teacher

**LETTERS SENT OUT THIS WEEK**

Mindfulness Live Session Link Email

**TEAM POINTS and STARS of the WEEK**

We are not, at this point, collecting team points during lockdown. However, we have had some more stars this week 😊. Well done children and thank you for your hard work, positivity, and effort.

**Community News** There is no community news this week.

**BIG CAT PHONICS**

URL:  
<https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/teacherlogin.aspx>  
 Login: [parents@harpercollins.co.uk](mailto:parents@harpercollins.co.uk)  
 Password: Parents!21

Please click on the link below, for more free resources.  
<https://collins.co.uk/pages/collins-at-home>

**STARS OF THE WEEK**

(Certificates to be emailed home next week)

Webber's	Burlescombe
Rowan Tyler Arlo Elliot	Elsie Jack W Milo

**Diary Dates**

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Both Schools	Week 5 Home Learning – details on the website
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**CHILDREN'S CORNER**



*Amazing facts from James, Year 2 at Webber's:*

**Did you know...?**

**Flamingos are bright pink because of 'beta carotene, a red-orange dye that's found in the algae, larvae and shrimp that flamingos eat.**

**A zebra with polka dots instead of stripes was 'spotted' in a wildlife reserve in Kenya in 2019.**

**Taken from : <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing>**

### **Social distancing**

To reduce the risk of catching or spreading coronavirus, you should minimise time spent with people you do not live with, and when around other people ensure that you are two metres apart from anyone not in your household or [support bubble](#). Social distancing is essential to stop the spread of the virus, as it is more likely to spread when people are close together. An infected person can pass on the virus through talking, breathing, coughing or sneezing even if they do not have any symptoms.

When with people you do not live with, you should also avoid: physical contact; being close and face-to-face; and shouting or singing close to them. You should also avoid crowded areas with lots of people; and touching things that other people have touched.

Where you cannot stay 2 metres apart you should stay more than 1 metre apart, and take additional steps to stay safe. For example:

- [wear a face covering](#): on public transport and in many indoor spaces, you must wear a face covering by law, unless you are exempt
- go outdoors, where it is safer and there is more space
- if indoors, make sure rooms have a flow of fresh air by keeping windows and doors open

You do not need to be socially distanced from anyone in your household, meaning the people you live with. You also do not need to be socially distanced from anyone in your [support bubble](#), if you are in one, but maintaining social distance will help reduce transmission.

You should try to maintain social distancing if providing informal childcare within a [childcare bubble](#). You must not meet socially with your childcare bubble and must avoid seeing members of your childcare and support bubbles at the same time.

However, when providing care to a young child, or person with a disability or health condition who is not in your household or support bubble, it may not always be possible or practicable to maintain social distancing. You should still limit close contact as much as possible when providing these types of care, and take other precautions such as washing hands and opening windows for ventilation.

# Making a support bubble with another household

Taken from : Making a support bubble with another household - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

### ***What a support bubble is***

A support bubble is a support network which links 2 households. You have to meet certain eligibility rules to form a support bubble. This means not everyone will be able to form a support bubble.

Once you're in a support bubble, you can think of yourself as being in one 'household'. It means you can have close contact with the other household in your bubble as if they were members of your own household. This means you do not need to maintain social distance with people in your support bubble.

You should continue to follow [social distancing guidance](#) with people outside of your household or support bubble. This is critical to keeping you, your family and friends as safe as possible.

If you form a support bubble, it is best if this is with a household who live locally. This will help prevent the virus spreading from an area where more people are infected.

Who can make a support bubble?

Not everybody can form a support bubble. However, on 2 December the rules changed to widen eligibility for forming one.

You can form a support bubble with another household of any size if:

- you live by yourself – even if carers visit you to provide support.
- you are the only adult in your household who does not need continuous care as a result of a disability.
- your household includes a child who is under the age of one or was under that age on 2 December 2020.
- your household includes a child with a disability who requires continuous care and is under the age of 5 or was under that age on 2 December 2020.
- you are aged 16 or 17 living with others of the same age and without any adults.
- you are a single adult living with one or more children who are under the age of 18 or were under that age on 12 June 2020.

You should not form a support bubble with a household that is part of another support bubble.

### ***If you share custody of your child with someone you do not live with***

If you share custody of a child with someone you do not live with, the child can move freely between both parents' households. You do not need to form a support bubble to do this.

You can form a support bubble if you are eligible.

### ***What a childcare bubble is***

A childcare bubble is where one household links with one other household to provide informal childcare to anyone under 14. All adults in both households must agree to this arrangement. 'Informal' childcare means it is unpaid and unregistered.

Members of either household can provide childcare in a home or public place. This includes overnight care.

You can only have one childcare bubble with one other household. This means no household should be part of more than one childcare bubble.

You can only use a childcare bubble for childcare. You cannot use a childcare bubble to mix with another household for other reasons.

If you form a childcare bubble, it's best if this is with a household who live locally. This will help prevent the virus spreading from an area where more people are infected.

### ***How childcare bubbles relate to support bubbles.***

A childcare bubble is different to a [support bubble](#). Being in a childcare bubble does not stop you from forming a support bubble [if you are eligible](#).

You must avoid seeing members of your childcare and support bubbles at the same time.