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Spring Term Newsletter No.1**Friday 8th January 2021****Messages from Mrs Eveleigh...**

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family have had a wonderful Christmas break. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, on behalf of the staff and myself, for all the lovely cards, presents and Christmas wishes. It was very kind of you. We do hope you enjoyed hearing our Christmas stories and music 😊. (Links in case you missed them **BPS** and **WPS**).

The collections from our Christmas Jumper Day raised a total of £51 at Burlescombe and £80.10 at Webber's for Save the Children. The Donations for the Children's Society from the Christingle Boxes also raised £23.40 at Burlescombe and £130.15 at Webber's. On their behalf, I thank you for your kind generosity.

We would like to have a full intake of children at each school next year. If you know of anyone who has not applied for a Primary School place, Friday 15th January is the closing date!

Thank you for your patience and support for this past week. I fully appreciate what challenges this sudden change of circumstance brings and the situation we are now in. I do hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Behind the scenes, we have been busy scaling up the level of support and teaching for this lockdown in line with the increased expectations for schools and parents by the Government.

There are many letters coming out this week that are all important, so I will summarise them below. I urge you to take time to please read them very carefully. I have added the Webber's hyper-links but the documents are the SAME in both schools.

- Remote Learning
 - a) A general **Home Learning information** summary sheet- how we are expecting it to operate as it is slightly different than last time.
 - b) How to follow the **French** online for Yr 2 – Yr 6 (Crib Sheet)
 - c) How to explore and use **IT Scratch** (programming software Crib sheet)
- Additional help with **internet access and data offers** that may help you.
- A children's letter for **remote learners**. This will be in their parcel that is being sent directly to

them with some equipment. Please can you take time to read it with your child.

- A children's letter for those **in-school learners**. Again, please can you read it with your child
- A letter to those families whose children are currently **attending school** and the new bubble and timing arrangements. Sincere apologies, I forgot to mention that the new times are from Monday 11th January. Thank you for those who were patient today.

Your child will also have been sent a learning pack. They will have been hand delivered, posted or been given them at school. We have given everyone a pack in case they need to switch to home-learning.

Nourishing, hot, free school meals (pupil premium) will be available in both schools and EYFS & KS1 infant school universal meals will also be available. For those children who have free school meals and are working remotely, we are currently ordering food hampers for weekly collection and will be in contact with you soon. If your personal circumstances have changed and you think you may now qualify, please, please do get in touch with us. We are led to believe the voucher scheme may be up and running again in the next few weeks but until then, hampers are the way forward.

There will be no after school clubs during full lockdown as previously – but there will still be lots of PE 😊. All children will receive a free foam ball to use inside/outside to help support fitness and skill development. Home learners, this will be in your packs.

We know the BBC have recently announced a broad programme of new **television programmes** to support remote learning and parents can use this to supplement the learning that we are sending home, or are indeed doing in school. We are not sure of the content or scheduling of these programmes to be able to link them.

I have been asked on behalf of the British legion to thank you for your kind generosity in our Poppy appeal boxes last term. They have sent a letter to ask me to pass on their gratitude.

I experienced my first TVP classroom Teams meeting with children today as part of our endeavours to get more 'live communication between children both within each school and across the partnership. The children and the staff were very excited and we are aiming to not only plan more sessions but also try to invite our remote learners too.

It is still work in progress, but please ensure you check your emails as when we get up and running, we will be sending invites to your child through your email address. We will also be compiling some protocols to follow for this system to ensure we are all safe and it works for as many children as possible.

Please remember you can always arrange to speak to meet either by telephone or TEAMS if you have any worries or concerns, or indeed suggestions that will support the children's learning.

Kindest regards,

Deborah Eveleigh
Executive Head Teacher

LETTERS SENT OUT THIS WEEK

School Closure Letter
Pupil Home Learning Packs
Keyworker/Vulnerable Pupils Letter-with bubble times and arrangements
Home-learning information
Internet offers through the Government.
Children's letter for remote learners
Children's letter for children in school
French 'crib' sheet
IT 'crib' sheet

TEAM POINTS and STARS of the WEEK

We have not collated team points or chosen stars of the week this week- everyone has worked very hard.

Community News

There is no community news this week.

Parish Magazine Article

Please note the article written for this month by school was written prior to LOCKDOWN and may therefore not be accurate now!

Diary Dates

Monday 11 th Jan		New Bubbles for lockdown and new starting/Collection times
Friday 15 th January	Both Schools	Primary School Applications Deadline



CHILDREN'S CORNER



This week we have a series of jokes to give you a boost from Squirrels and Oaks class, enjoy!

Why did the Octopus laugh?

Because he had tentacles!

What do you call a sheep with no legs?

A cloud!

What do you call a Frenchman shot out of a cannon?

Napoleon Blownapart!

What's brown and sticky and comes out of the back of cows?

The last ferry from the Isle of Wight!

Why does Peter-Pan always fly?

Because he Never-Lands!

Why is Cinderella so bad at soccer?

Because she is always running away from the ball!

What do you get if you cross a dinosaur with a pig?

Jurassic Pork!

What day of the week are most twins born?

Twos-day!