



Dear Parents/Carers

Congratulations we have all made it to half term. A special well done to all those families who are remote learning from home. The support you have given your children has been invaluable, both in allowing them to access essential communication with their teachers and friends within their class and then being able to do the remote learning which has been set. We all thank you so much as it has made so much difference to everyone. You have all worked so hard you can have next week off!

It is a real achievement to have reached this point in the year and we all really hope that as each week goes by we will soon be able to all be back together in school.

I would like to thank all the staff who have made remote learning work so well alongside the teaching of key worker and vulnerable children within school. This is no mean feat and I am proud of every single one of them. WIS is so lucky to have the best team and in circumstances like these this teamwork has shone through. Every single person who works at WIS, regardless of their role, make the whole school work brilliantly and enable WIS to offer the best support and education for your children. Thank you as always to all of you for your continued support and kind words which mean so much to all staff.

I hope that everyone has a restful half term and that the weather is kind to us so that we can all get much needed fresh air and exercise outside.

Kind Regards

Tina Lagdon - Head Teacher

Online Safety Week

Well done for all the excellent work that has been done this week around online safety. 'Smartie the Penguin' is one of my favourite power points that I would usually talk about in assembly so it has been great to see all the pictures of Smartie that you have done together with all the important online safety messages.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 4th March and we will continue to celebrate it as we always have. The theme for this year is 'Bedtime Stories' so we would like everyone to dress up in their pyjamas etc whether you are at home or in school. This will save anyone having to purchase an outfit or visit any shops. Children will get a book token for a free book or to put towards a different book. Your child's book token will be emailed to parents/carers the week after half term, wc 22nd February.

Track and Trace

As we start the half term holiday it is essential that we continue to support track and trace. Any children that have been in school (key workers or vulnerable children) need to inform school if anyone displays symptoms up to midnight on Sunday 14th February and then go onto to have a positive test. The school will then inform any close contacts who will need to self-isolate for 10 days since the last day of contact. Please ensure that you email the school office straight away. Thank you.



School Dinners

Please make sure you order any school meals for after half term by midday on Thursday 18th February through meal manager.

Message from Brackley Elves

Hi Everyone,

We have a few competitions running next for young and old to get involved with. We would be grateful if you could share on your social media channels. Everything is running on our Brackley Elves Facebook Group. This is a public group, anyone can join and post following our approval <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1032794893859023>

I hope that all of you get some kind of break over half term, fingers crossed the children get back into school at some point next term.

Kind regards

Kath



Creative Pancake Competition!
Tuesday 16th February
Post your pancake creations for a chance to win!
#brackleypancake



CREATE AND SHARE YOUR VALENTINE'S HEARTS ANYTHING GOES!



HEARTS AROUND BRACKLEY
6th-19th February 2021
Prizes from Direct Pizza, It's All Rosie Cakes and Cakes By Yates
Post on our Brackley Elves Group or on our Hearts Around Brackley Event. #brackleyhearts



Pancake Tossing Competition!
Tuesday 16th February
Upload a video of your best effort between 6-7pm tonight for a chance to win
#brackleypancake



LifeChurch Brackley

Why not keep your children busy with kids explore during half term? Please see the attached flyer for more information.



Keeping Active During Lockdown

Our school sport co-ordinator Mr Rose based at Magdalen College School has kindly given us this list of activities to share to help your family keep active. I would love to see some photos of you enjoying the activities so that I can include them on our PE notice board. If you would like to send in a photo of your completed scavenger hunt too that would be great!

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- The Joe Wicks physical activity sessions are back, this time 3 x a week at 9am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You can find them on his "Bodycoach" Youtube channel and they are particularly good for children of all ages and adults alike for working at a medium to high intensity for 20-30mins: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>
- Cosmic Kids Yoga is another option for YouTube based physical activity as well mindfulness training - this is more of a low-medium intensity activity and particularly good for Reception/KS1 and lower KS2 with yoga moves put to a story or theme to make it more engaging: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>
- The Change 4 Life pages are also very good for all round advice and ideas for maintaining a healthy lifestyle - games, recipes, activities and information about healthy living. The 10minute Shake Up games are great for finding something fun to do as a break in your on-line learning and working towards your 60 Active Minutes: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>
- Go Noodle is worth a visit for some energising Dance videos to follow and dance to, with the Blazer Fresh crew being particularly fun and not needing much space (Banana Banana Meatball is my favourite!): <https://family.gonoodle.com/>
- The Youth Sport Trust (YST) have an excellent range of Primary PE challenges across a wide variety of types of PE and you can choose from a number of activity cards and challenge videos here: <https://www.youthsporttrust.org/primary-pe-activities>
- 60 Second Challenges - also from the YST - a great place to find simple challenges to do either for fun or try to set personal bests or even compete against a family member! <https://www.youthsporttrust.org/60-second-physical-activity-challenges>
- The YST also have a 30minute activity session which they were streaming daily on YouTube all through last half term as an [After School Club activity](#) and will now be restarting as a twice weekly activity session covering lots of different sports and activities: www.youthsporttrust.org/AfterSchoolSportClub
- Andy's wild workouts- For all you CBeebies fans, Andy Day has a series on YouTube for younger children called [Andy's Wild Workouts](#). Each video follows a different theme such as a beach or rainforest adventure. Videos are informative and educational, as well as active and only last about six minutes, so good for a quick burst. This series is also available on <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p06tmmvz>
- BBC Teach [Supermovers](#)- is a great resource recommended by schools and has loads of videos that combine education with exercise. There are options for KS1 and KS2 with easy to follow activities covering topics such as number bonds, times tables and division for Maths, and grammar, spelling and punctuation for English. They also have some Science



and Language exercise videos and a Supermovers Champions section to help older children develop confidence, teamwork and leadership skills. A great way to continue your child's learning while also having a PE lesson: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers>

- Around the world in lockdown- if you have a smart watch or phone. Track your daily exercise and see how far you can travel between now and 24th March. Brackley to France is 300km do you think you can make it to France in that time?
- Nature scavenger hunt- try and find each picture on your daily exercise. You can then make a picture collage of all the items below if not why not remember what they look like from your walk and draw them on a big piece of paper.

bird	tree roots	ant	spiderweb
green leaf	acorn	flower	log
two similar rocks	mushroom	squirrel	tall grass
stick that looks like a letter 'y'	flying bug	brown leaf	cloud
dandelion	animal footprints	wild berries	pine cone



PTFA – Valentine’s Day Virtual Balloon Race

May we remind you it's up, up and away for Waynflete Infants' School on **Sunday 14th February!** While we fully appreciate and understand that this is a difficult time for many, we are hoping that some of you may enjoy taking part in this fun event from the comfort of your own home. We all need something to lift our spirits, so we are excited to announce that our latest PTFA adventure is a Virtual Valentine's Balloon Race! **The Link to Virtual Balloon Race website is <https://ecoracing.co/user/page/1368>.**

To keep you up to date with all upcoming events don't forget to like the PTFA Facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/Waynflete-Infants-School-PTFA-107263967832542/>

Recording your child's absence/illness

Please can we just remind you that should your child be ill, even if they are at home doing online learning, that you still notify studybugs or call the school office to report their illness. We do know this is a slightly strange request, given your child may not be present in school at the moment, but we are required to record attendance and reasons for absence. We do appreciate your understanding in this respect.