



IMPORTANT DATES:

Children's Mental Health Week 1st and 7th February 2021

Safer Internet Day – 9th February 2021

INSET day Friday 12th February 2021

6pm to 7pm ~ Friday 12th February ~ **FIRST ONLINE FREE FAMILY QUIZ** via LetsLocalise

February half-term 15th to 19th February 2021

Term 4 begins Monday 22nd February 2021

Reading Matters Week 1st to 5th March 2021 including **World Book Day** 4th March 2021

INSET day Friday 5th March 2021

Comic Relief 19th March 2021

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Please **wear face coverings while on our School grounds.**

Dear Parents/Carers

I am starting the newsletter in a similar way this week... Déjà vu as I am writing to you the sky is blue and the sun is shining brightly. Mr Kinver predicted snow last weekend and the weekend before. He is convinced that we will not see any this weekend so fingers crossed.

This week we have had **Parent Consultations** for some classes across the school and next week Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Class will be having their's. These are a lovely opportunity to discuss your child's wellbeing and learning. It was lovely to see so many of you and the children joining us in this new way. If for some reason the video technology doesn't work the teachers will be in touch to catch up with you as soon as they can.

Next Week we will be celebrating **Safer Internet Day** which is on **Tuesday 9th February** both in school and through Class DoJo. The theme for this year is '



An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world.'

Through lessons and discussions we will share with the children how we can know what to trust online, and how we can support them to question, challenge and change the online world. As a parent myself, keeping up with the latest game to download, social media and other platforms seems to be a full-time job alongside knowing which filter settings need updating. This is even harder in the current situation when children can't see their friends in the same way and we want to keep them connected. **To help with this we will be sending out links to websites and help guides on Tuesday as part of our Safer Internet Day.**

Also next week, don't forget we **finish Term 3 on Thursday** as we have an **Inset Day on Friday 12th February**. Mrs Franklin our P.E Leader has however created a '**Feel Fab February**' Challenge sheet which contains a list of activities you can complete on that day and over the rest of the month. I particularly like the idea of making pancakes and extending my juggling skills by juggling socks. **Please send in photographs of any challenges** you have completed to your class email or upload them to Class DoJo to share with Mrs Franklin. How many goals did you complete over the month of February?

Please see below details of our **EXCITING First Fun Family Online Quiz Night**. Please join us!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support as well as all of your positive and constructive feedback, through your phone calls and parents evening feedback this term- your support is greatly valued.

I hope this weekend the sun keeps shining, that Mr Kinver is correct and that you are able to get out for a walk or try out one of Mrs Franklin's Challenges at home. We have sent a paper copy home in learning packs and with the children who are in school.

Take care, keep safe and have a restful weekend
Claire Parfitt, Head teacher

INSET days for 2020/2021
School closed for all pupils
Friday 12th February 2021
Friday 5th March 2021
Friday 18th June 2021

12TH FEBRUARY @ 6PM

St Martin's Garden
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Trivia

FIRST ONLINE QUIZ NIGHT

REGISTRATION CLOSES @ 5PM

LetsLocalise

PLEASE JOIN US for our First Family online Quiz night on Friday 12th February at 6pm to 7pm via LetLocalise. LetsLocalise puts us in contact with local and national business and volunteers who may be able to help us with projects within school. They also help us organise fun family events.

<https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/entertainment-details-view?eventId=11090> . Register for the event by following the link. This is NOT a zoom type event you will not see the other teams but there will be a live leader board. Prizes for the winning Teams. Pass this information to your family and Friends.
Good Luck!

step by step guide, to joining our Quiz

- Click on the link for the event, (as above)
- Press 'Pledge Now'.
- If you have already registered with LetsLocalise, please use your login details to sign in.
- If you haven't got a LetsLocalise account yet, please press 'New to LetsLocalise? Create and account'
- Make sure the 'Individuals' box is ticked on the top.
- Add your full name, email address and a password. No further details are necessary for initial registration.
- Once confirmed, log in and press 'Pledge Now' again.
- Add the number of participants for the quiz and press 'Submit'.
- No further action needed, on the day of the Quiz Event LetsLocalise will share the joining details and instructions with you via the email address you gave when signing up.

Coronavirus advice from NHS England

If you or anyone in your household has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), **get a test as soon as possible**. You MUST ALL Stay at home until you get the result. Only leave your home to get a test. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

PLEASE VISIT <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19> for more information on the current COVID-19 procedures.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS (Eligible by Benefits). Are you claiming benefits? You maybe entitled to Free School Meals!

Your child is eligible for benefit-related free school meals if they are attending a state school in Bath and North East Somerset, and you are receiving one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (if your annual net earned income is £7,400 or less, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, **without any Working Tax Credit**, and an annual household income of £16,190 or less (as assessed by HMRC - Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- **Four-week run-on** Working Tax Credit (paid for four weeks after you **STOP** qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

How to apply

Call **Free School meals at B&NES** on **01225 39 43 17** to make a telephone registration, email Freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk or complete the on-line registration form <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/form/apply-for-free-school-meals>

If you are entitled to Free School Meals (Eligible by Benefits) and **not attending school**, we are on behalf of the Government, issuing Vouchers, during this lockdown, via **Edenred**. Call the school office on 01225 832112 for more details. Please note: This is different to Universal Free school meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils.

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM ~ B&NES council will be issuing vouchers for Free School Meals pupils to cover Half-term (15th to 19th February). You should have received an email regarding this. If not please call **B&NES directly on 01225 477777**. Thank you.