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Our January Value is Tolerance

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the spring term at Broadmead lower school. This week has been an eventful start to the term to say the least, with the constant last minute changes to government guidance. We apologise for any inconvenience that this has caused to your family and we will continue to update you through ParentMail as soon as we receive any new information.

We would like to thank you for your support, understanding and kind wishes which you have sent into the office. These are greatly received by the staff, who as you are fully aware, are working tirelessly on behalf of our children.

The children who are in school have settled well and adapted to the changes in their routine. Many of you have engaged fully with the remote learning from home and if you have any questions or require support please contact Mrs Cornwall in the school office.

COVID 19 Update

Earlier today you were sent a letter from Bedford Borough Public Health team. The rate of transmission and confirmed cases in Bedford Borough is rapidly increasing and we are all responsible for acting appropriately in order to reduce the transmission of this virus. In response to this letter we ask that you only request a 'critical/key worker' place on the days when; it is crucial for you to undertake your critical role, there is no other childcare at home and you cannot support your child with remote learning from home.

Remote Learning

Each class teacher is putting their work for the week on Jotter Learn for children to complete at home. The children in school will be doing exactly the same work, there is no difference.

To ensure that our maths remote learning is the same for the children both in school and at home we will be switching to **Oak Academy** for all of our Maths lessons next week. The children in school will no longer be using Power Maths instead they will be completing the same Oak Academy lesson in school.

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We are very keen to give feedback to our children on their remote learning and we can use the Exercise Tasks on Jotter learn to do this. Where there is an Exercise Task there will be a place below to upload your child's work. Please upload the work here as teachers can then give direct feedback to your child on their work. Only your child will be able to see this feedback. Look out for these tasks next week! Please place all other work in your child's folder as normal.

Teachers are also placing **quizzes** on Jotter Learn. Once completed, teachers can once again give your child direct feedback on their performance and their remote learning. Please complete any quizzes that you see as the teachers get very excited when they see what children have learnt.

Please aim to complete a minimum of 3 hours of remote learning a day per child. One Oak Academy Maths lesson, an English task and one other activity.

Early Years children in Reception can use their Learn Book to upload their photographs of their learning. Please aim to upload three photographs or videos each day.

Class teachers will monitor your child's daily engagement with remote learning. If, for any reason you are unable to access this learning then you must inform the school office immediately so we can support you in solving any problems.

Get Help with Technology Internet Access

The government are enabling increased data allowances on mobile devices to support disadvantaged children. This is so that children can access remote education if their face-to-face education is disrupted. We have been informed that we are able to request mobile data increases for children who:

- Do not have fixed broadband at home.
- Cannot afford additional data for their devices
- Are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education.

Children with access to a mobile phone on one of the following networks might be able to benefit: Three, Smarty, Virgin Mobile, EE, O2, Tesco Mobile and Sky Mobile.

Information about different network's offers can be viewed by [clicking here](#). Please [click here](#) to view the Privacy Policy established in regard to this opportunity.

If you think you may qualify for the increased data allowance please email the Office with these details,

- your child's name
- the account holders name for the mobile device
- the mobile telephone number
- your network provider (at present it needs to be either Three, Smarty, Virgin Mobile, O2, EE, Tesco or Sky Mobile)
- whether you pay monthly or pay as you go (PAYG)
- confirm that you have read the privacy statement (link above).

Miss Bowers is now Mrs Blake!

A good news story to finish on. Miss Bowers finally managed to have her wedding on Christmas Eve after all the disruption due to COVID-19 this year. She is moving to Canada this month to begin her married life and I know you will want to join us in wishing her every happiness for the future.

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Please see table below for diary dates for this term. Any **changes** or **additions** will be in **red** type.

<u>Spring Term 2021</u>	
Monday 4 th January	Training Day for Staff
Tuesday 5 th January	SPRING TERM BEGINS for children
Friday 8 th January	Class Newsletters to Parents
Monday 1 st February	CHUMS – Shine Bright Wear Bright
Friday 5 th February	Number Day
Tuesday 9 th February	Safer Internet Day
Monday 15 th February	HALF TERM HOLIDAYS
Monday 15 th March	Parent Consultations Week: dates + times TBC
Monday 29 th March	EASTER HOLIDAYS
<u>Summer Term 2021</u>	
Monday 12 th April	TRAINING DAY
Tuesday 13 th April	Children Back to school

<u>Governing Board Meetings</u>
Thursday 21 st January
Thursday 25 th February
Thursday 25 th March
Thursday 13 th May
Thursday 10 th June
Thursday 15 th July

Thank you for your continued support.
Keep safe.
Kind regards,

Mrs Horobin

Headteacher

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