



Dear Parents and Carers,

Although it has only been 6 weeks since the Christmas holiday, it already feels like a very long time ago! I hope you have all had a positive start to 2021, despite the difficulties we are all facing in the current pandemic.

Firstly, I want to express my thanks to the staff for putting the education and welfare of our pupils as their top priority. We have seen huge developments in our use of Google classroom, Class Dojo and online learning platforms, as well as complementary paper-based work packs for children, which have enabled us to offer a flexible, hybrid learning approach.

I would also like to express my thanks to all of the parents, carers and older siblings, who have helped their children learning remotely at home. As a Dad, I completely empathise with how difficult this term has been for families, and as Headteacher, I am exceptionally proud of the resilience and determination shown by so many of our pupils.

Secondly, I would like to reassure parents and carers that whatever decision the government and DfE make, regarding when schools can open fully to pupils again, we will be ready! Remote learning is in place for the first two weeks after half term, and once we know more, we can plan our next steps.

Please ensure you regularly check ParentMail, the school website and our Twitter feed for updates.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a restful, safe and happy half term break. Psalm 91 reminds us:

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'



Keep safe and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Matthew Harris
Headteacher

School Vision
Be the best they can;
Join in Learning, Play and Prayer;
Remember God's Word



Bishop John Robinson
Church of England Primary School

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart"
Colossians 3:23

Current Lockdown

At the time of publishing, we understand that all pupils will be able to return to school from Monday 8th March, however, this will be confirmed by the Government and Department for Education in the coming days. Please check ParentMail and Twitter for updates about specific start dates and times.

Dates for your diary

22nd Feb	School open to specific pupils only
1 st Mar	St David's Day
8 th Mar	World Book Day (to be confirmed)
12 th Mar	Red Nose & Sport Relief (tbc)
17 th Mar	St Patrick's Day
23 rd Mar	Governors' Challenge and Support Day
25 th Mar	Parents' Evening (via Zoom)
30 th Mar	Parents' Evening (via Zoom)
31 st Mar	Easter Service at St Paul's (tbc)
31 st Mar	School closes at 1:40pm
19 th Apr	Start of Summer Term

Our School Online

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Parking outside School

Please kindly respect our neighbours and the community and do not park across their driveways, on the double yellow lines, zigzag lines or double park outside the school.



It is very important that we park considerately when bringing and collecting our children. Thank you for your support in this matter.

A note from Mrs Valentine

Remote Learning Success!

Although it is not what any of us would have chosen, I am very happy to share with you the success of the remote education provision here at BJR. We have recently undertaken a complete review using the Department for Education's (DfE) newly established Framework which has been designed to identify strengths and areas for improvement.

As you know, our teaching and learning encompasses assignments set on Google Classroom, Home Learning packs, class Zoom calls and some in-school provision.

We have done well in all areas and have already targeted our next areas to further development. We were able to share these findings and plans with both the Governing Board and the Department for Education this week. The feedback that we as a school have received has been fantastic.

The Governors thanked the staff for their incredible hard work in adapting so quickly and the representative from the DfE has taken some of our good practices to share. Please be assured that in these challenging times we are doing our very best and continue to strive for improvements every day.

Parents' Evening

These have been postponed to Thursday 25th March and Tuesday 30th March. The school office will be in touch to arrange appointments via Zoom.

Uniform Bank

Our Uniform Bank is live! If you need some extra school uniform for your child, we have lots of good quality clothing. Please visit the Community tab on the school website to place your order!

A note from Miss Biney

Thank you for all of your hard work, commitment and dedication to ensuring your children are supported at home with their remote learning - we couldn't do our job without you! Being a mum myself, I know how hard it can be juggling work and your child's learning. It has been lovely speaking to you on the phone and seeing you in our Zoom catch-ups. We also appreciate support and feedback you give us.

In these strange times, it is important that we come together as a community to ensure our children are getting the best education on offer, so as a school we will continue to support our families the best we can and continue to communicate with you to ensure all is well. As we go further into lockdown, I think we all need to continue to focus on finding moments of pure joy and happiness. As one of our children told me once: "We are strong, we can get through this!"

Homework

Whilst the majority of pupils are working remotely and learning from home, there is no requirement for pupils to complete additional home work! Once school resumes for all children, homework will restart for all children on Thursdays to complete by Tuesday.

School Gates

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have socially distanced when dropping off and collecting their children during the Spring lockdown. Once school resumes for all children, we will continue to use the front gate to enter site and the rear gate to leave.



Polite Reminders

Dinner Money - Please ensure that school dinner money is to be paid in advance via Sims Pay.

Maintenance Fund – Each year, we have to pay a maintenance contribution to the diocese for their support with our Church of England status. We ask for parents to contribute £10 per term to help cover this cost. If you have not yet paid, please contact the office to arrange payment.

PE Kits – Children in Years 1-6 should come to school in their PE kit on their designated PE day. PE kits should be grey or black jogging bottoms, a white t-shirt and a grey or black jumper.

